THE TOWN OFFICERS
AND
SCHOOL DISTRICT OFFICERS
MAKE THEIR
ANNUAL REPORT

TOWN OF MASON
NEW HAMPSHIRE

For The Year Ending

DECEMBER 31, 1954

ANNUAL REPORTS

Of The

Town and School District Officers

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New Hampshire

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OUR COVER

For generations people entering Mason by the Valley Road (Townsend) have passed the farm homestead pictured on our cover this year. This home was built in pre-Revolutionary days (1775) by a member of the Barrett family. Late (1835-1870) it became Town property and was operated as the Town Farm.

This picture was taken (1890) when the Leslie McRobbie family owned "Sunnydale" farm and shows all members of that family in the foreground. The visiting traveler is unidentified. Could he have been a cattle buyer?

Today we know it as the "Mason Valley Gift Shop," the attractive home of the Leland Wildes. Throughout the years its original charm has never been destroyed by its many owners.

It has always been a point of warm welcome into Town or a happy farewell as you leave from all its many occupants.

TOWN OFFICERS

MODERATOR

Toivo K. Kivimaki

CLERK and TREASURER

Charles F. H. Crathern

SELECTMEN

*Frederick M. Gibbs	Term expires 1955
Forrest A. Cameron	Term expires 1956
Raymond C. Akerman	Term expires 1957
†Thomas B. Calkin	Term expires 1955

TAX COLLECTOR

Herman O. Schulze

AUDITOR

Toivo K. Kivimaki

HIGHWAY AGENT

Harold C. Miller

SUPERVISORS OF CHECK LIST

Guy F. Washburn Harold C. Miller Vivian Ilomaki

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* Resigned

† Appointed to serve unexpired term of Frederick M. Gibbs

BALLOT CLERKS

Lillian Valyou Mildred Wharff Elsa Crathern

Lillian Leino

LIBRARY TRUSTEES

C. W. Anderson	Term expires 1955
Elsie Resor	Term expires 1956
Lena B. Miller	Term expires 1957

TRUSTEES OF TRUST FUNDS

Conray G. Wharff	Term expires 1955
Charles F. H. Crathern	Term expires 1956
Tracy A. Eaton	Term expires 1957

TRUSTEES OF CEMETERIES

Alfred Spear	Term expires 1955
Conray G. Wharff	Term expires 1956
Frank Newell	Term expires 1957

CHIEF OF POLICE

Forrest A. Cameron

SPECIAL OFFICERS

Irving M. Spear Frederick M. Gibbs

LOCAL DIRECTOR OF CIVILIAN DEFENSE

Charles F. H. Crathern

FIRE WARDEN

James Bell

DEPUTY FIRE WARDENS

Carl Valyou

Loren Brown

G. Porter Washburn

Curtis V. Dunn

Harold C. Miller

HEALTH OFFICER

Harlan E. Karr, M. D., Greenville, New Hampshire, Tel. 56

LIBRARIAN

Elsie Resor

TOWN HALL JANITOR

Guy F. Washburn

SEXTON

Conray G. Wharff

TREE WARDEN

Richard J. Lord

SCHEDULE OF TOWN PROPERTY

Town Hall:			
Lands and Buildings			$ 8,000.00
Furniture and Equipment			1,000.00
Library:			
Furniture and Equipment			1,000.00
Fire Department			
Equipment			350.00
Highway Department:			
Equipment			
Sander	450.00		
Bulldozer	5,900.00		
Roller	205.20		
Snowplow	150.00		
			6,705.20
Parks, Common and Playgrounds			500.00
Schools:			
Lands and Buildings			8,000.00
Equipment			1,000.00
All Other Lands Owned by Town:			
Obtained by Bequest:			
22 a. Lucy Lawrence lot		100.00	
Obtained by Tax Sale:			
8 a. Hall Land		50.00	
20 a. Walter Robbins lot		80.00	

12 a.	Henry Barrett lot	50.00	
5 a.	Shattuck lot	20.00	
150 a.	Upton Pasture	600.00	
120 a.	Mitchell Pasture	500.00	
15 a.	Pt. Farwell Farm	60.00	
180 a.	Sam Barrett Place	750.00	
50 a.	Sam Barrett Place	350.00	
51 a.	Craig lot	215.00	
15 a.	Russell Land	60.00	
30 a.	Perley Pierce lot	120.00	
17 a.	Coburn lot	65.00	
54 a.	Walter Fessenden lot	216.00	
11 a.	Hall lot	44.00	
20 a.	Jeffs lot	80.00	
8 a.	Hill lot	32.00	
100 a.	Undivided ½ Baldwin lot	400.00	
30 a.	Foster lot	120.00	
20 a.	Edw. Farnsworth lot	100.00	
			$ 4,012.00
	Total		30,567.20

BUDGET OF THE TOWN

ESTIMATES OF REVENUE AND EXPENDITURES FOR THE
WITH ESTIMATED AND ACTUAL REVENUE, APPROPRIA
JANUARY 1, 1954, TO DECEMBER 31, 1954.

SOURCES OF REVENUE	Estimated Revenue Previous Year 1954	Actual Revenue Previous Year 1954	Estimated Revenue Ensuing Year 1955
From State:			
Interest and Dividends Tax	$ 611.51	$ 1,202.43	$ 1,202.43
Railroad Tax	184.03		347.14
Savings Bank Tax	109.10		238.28
Reimbursement a/c State and Federal forest lands	61.74	123.27	61.53
Reimbursement a/c Exemption of Growing Wood and Timber	2,726.10		5,151.24
For Fighting Forest Fires	46.05	3.70	
Bounties	14.50	14.50	16.50
Reimbursement a/c Old Age Assistance	338.74	338.74	125.00
Payment Advance TRA (1955 Portion)			*3,863.16
From Local Sources Except Taxes:			
Dog Licenses	100.00	150.00	125.00
Filing Fees		3.50	4.00
Rent of Town Hall and Other Buildings	53.00	53.00	50.00
Income of Departments:			
(a) Highway, including rental of equipment	435.00	30.00	405.00
Head Tax Collections Fee (Town Share)	30.94	20.20	43.20
Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	1,300.00	1,389.53	1,500.00
Sale of Town Property			12.92
Amount Raised by Issue of Bonds or Notes:			
Advance TRA Appropriation		*14,621.40	
Cash Surplus	2,500.00		
From Local Taxes Other Than Property Taxes:			
Poll Taxes—Regular @ $2	320.00	312.00	312.00

OF MASON, N. H.

ENSUING YEAR JAN. 1, 1955, TO DEC. 31, 1955, COMPARED
TIONS AND EXPENDITURES OF THE PREVIOUS YEAR

PURPOSES OF EXPENDITURES	Appropriations Previous Year 1954	Actual Expenditures Previous Year 1954	Estimated Expenditures Ensuing Year 1955
CURRENT MAINTENANCE EXPENSES:			
General Government:			
Town Officers' Salaries	$ 1,500.00	$ 2,115.50	$ 1,500.00
Town Officers' Expenses	800.00	1,048.19	800.00
Election and Registration Expenses	250.00	164.05	50.00
Expenses Town Hall and Other Town Bldgs.	600.00	891.33	600.00
Protection of Persons and Property:			
Police Department	100.00	75.05	100.00
Fire Department	150.00	5.50	150.00
Moth Exterm.—Dutch Elm & Care of Trees	150.00	93.00	100.00
Insurance Workman's Comp.	250.00	202.34	250.00
Health:			
Health Department, Including Hospitals	50.00	50.00	50.00
Vital Statistics	10.00		
Town Dump and Garbage Removal	75.00		150.00
Highways and Bridges:			
Oil and Sanding Black Roads			2,500.00
Gravel and Drainage	1,000.00	1,006.20	1,000.00
Town Maintenance—Summer	2,000.00	2,000.00	2,000.00
Town Maintenance—Winter	2,000.00	1,605.06	2,000.00
Street Lighting	225.00	156.39	225.00
General Expenses of Highway Department	500.00	512.29	500.00
Town Road Aid	579.47	579.47	579.47
Libraries	200.00	200.00	200.00
Public Welfare:			
Town Poor	300.00	588.30	300.00
Old Age Assistance	500.00	365.07	500.00

TOTAL REVENUE FROM ALL SOURCES EXCEPT PROPERTY TAXES	$ 8,830.71	$18,262.07	$13,457.40
***Amt. to be Raised by Prop. Taxes**			$24,623.47
TOTAL REVENUES			$38,080.87
*Long Term Notes 3½ Years (5 Miles Hard Surface Road)			$14,621.40
State Share Total T.R.A. allottment			12,968.31
Town Share Total T.R.A. appropriation			1,923.09
			$14,621.40

Serial Notes, Road Construction, 2¼%

	Total	State Share	Town Share
July 1, 1955	$ 4,442.63	$ 3,863.17	$ 579.46
July 1, 1956	4,442.63	3,863.17	579.46
July 1, 1957	4,442.63	3,863.17	579.46
July 1, 1958	1,293.51	1,108.80	184.71
	$14,621.40	$12,698.31	$ 1,923.09

During 1958 $3,728.58 Balance due to Town from T.R.A. funds after note is paid

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Patriotic Purposes:			
War Memorial	500.00		500.00
Memorial Day and Veterans' Associations	75.00	86.50	75.00
Aid to Soldiers & Their Families	500.00		500.00
Recreation:			
Old Home Day	25.00	25.00	25.00
Parks and Playground, Incl. Band Concerts	150.00	123.80	150.00
Public Service Enterprises:			
Cemeteries	250.00	251.85	250.00
Unclassified:			
Damages and Legal Expenses, Incl. Dog Damage		9.75	10.00
Advertising and Regional Associations	33.00	33.00	34.00
Employees' Retirement and Social Security	55.00		100.00
Interest:			
On Temporary Loans	100.00	103.83	100.00
On Long Term Notes and Bonds	11.80	5.90	329.00
Highways and Bridges:			
New Equipment			
Snow Plow — Roller	150.00	355.20	
Payment on Principal of Debt:			
Long Term Notes	590.00	590.00	*4,442.63
Payments to Other Governmental Divisions:			
Advance T.R.A. Payment		*$14,621.40	
County Taxes	1,663.76	1,700.72	1,700.72
School Taxes	12,816.27	12,816.27	16,310.05
TOTAL EXPENDITURES			$38,080.87

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF APPROPRIATIONS AND EXPENDITURES*
FISCAL YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1954

Title of Appropriations	Appropriation	Receipts & Reimbursement	Total Amount Available	Expenditures	Unexpended Balance	Overdrafts
Town Officers' Salaries	$ 1,500.00	$	$ 1,500.00	$ 2,097.55	$	$ 597.55
Town Officers' Expenses	800.00		800.00	1,065.79		265.79
Election and Registration	250.00		250.00	164.05	85.95	
Town Hall and Other Buildings	600.00		600.00	891.33		291.33
Police Department	100.00		100.00	75.05	24.95	
Fire Department	150.00		150.00	5.50	144.50	
Town Dump	75.00		75.00		(*)75.00	
Vital Sstatistics	10.00		10.00		10.00	
Workman's Insurance	250.00		250.00	202.34	47.66	
Combating Dutch Elm Disease	150.00		150.00	93.00	57.00	
Health Department	50.00		50.00	50.00		
Street Lighting	225.00		225.00	156.39	68.61	
Town Road Maintenance:						
Summer	2,000.00	(a) 148.00				
		(b)2,532.36	4,680.36	4,652.59	27.77	
Summer (Spec. App.)	1,000.00		1,00.00	1,006.20		6.20
Winter	2,000.00		2,000.00	1,605.06	394.94	
New Equipment	150.00		150.00	355.20		205.20
General Expense of Highway Dept.	500.00	(c) 6.07	506.07	512.29		6.22
Town Road Aid	579.47		579.47	579.47		
Libraries	200.00		200.00	200.00		

Town Poor	300.00		300.00	588.30		288.30
County Poor		(d) 338.74	338.74	338.74		
Old Age Assistance	500.00		500.00	365.07	134.93	
Memorial Day	75.00		75.00	86.50		11.50
Aid to Soldiers and Their Families	500.00		500.00		500.00	
Parks and Playgrounds	150.00		150.00	123.80	26.20	
Old Home Day	25.00		25.00	25.00		
Cemeteries	250.00		250.00	251.85		1.85
Advertising Monadnock Region Ass'n	33.00		33.00	33.00		
Employees Ret. Act. (Soc. Sec.)	55.00		55.00		*55.00	
Interest	111.80	(e) .43	112.23	109.73	2.50	
Payment on Principal of Debt	590.00		590.00	590.00		
County Tax	1,663.76		1,663.76	1,700.72		36.96
War Memorial	500.00		500.00	500.00		
	$15,343.03	$ 3,025.60	$18,368.63	$17,585.78	$ 2,493.75	$ 1,710.90

*Paid in January 1955
(a) Road Damage
(b) Class V State Aid
(c) Overpayment
(d) Money refunded from County
(e) Note interest refund

SUMMARY INVENTORY OF VALUATION

Land and Buildings (Exclusive of growing wood and timber)	$321,788.00	
2 Electric Plants	33,613.00	
6 Horses, Asses and Mules	500.00	
62 Cows	8,202.00	
2 Sheep and Goats	15.00	
10 Hogs	160.00	
2842 Fowls	1,881.50	
2 Portable Mills	400.00	
2 Road Building Machinery	475.00	
Wood, Lumber, etc.	2,400.00	
17 Gasoline pumps and tanks	1,750.00	
Stocks in Trade	1,580.00	
2 Mills and Machinery	200.00	
Total Gross Valuation before exemptions allowed		$372,964.50
Less Soldiers exemptions		27,608.00
Net Valuation at which Tax Rate is computed		$345,356.50

STATEMENT OF APPROPRIATIONS AND TAXES ASSESSED

APPROPRIATIONS:

Town Officers Salaries	$ 1,500.00
Town Officers Expenses	800.00
Employees Ret. Act. (Social Security)	55.00
Town Hall and Other Buildings	600.00
Election and Registration	250.00
Police Department	100.00
Fire Department	150.00
Town Dump	75.00
Vital Statistics	10.00
Workman's Insurance	250.00
Combating Dutch Elm Disease	150.00
Health Department	50.00
Town Road Aid	579.47
Town Maintenance:	
Summer	2,000.00
Summer (Spec. App.)	1,000.00

Winter	2,000.00	
General Expense, Highway Dept.	500.00	
Street Lighting	225.00	
Libraries	200.00	
Old Age Assistance	500.00	
Public Relief:		
Town Poor	300.00	
Soldiers' Aid	500.00	
Memorial Day	75.00	
Old Home Day	25.00	
Parks and Playgrounds	150.00	
Cemeteries	250.00	
Advertising Monadnock Region	33.00	
New Equipment	150.00	
Interest on Temporary Loans	100.00	
War Memorial	500.00	
Payment on Principal of Debt	590.00	
Interest	11.80	
County Tax	1,700.72	
School Tax	13,967.20	
Total Town and School Appropriations		$ 29,347.22

Less: ESTIMATED REVENUES AND CREDITS:

Interest and Dividends Tax	1,199.62	
Railroad Tax	184.03	
Savings Bank Tax	119.41	
Reimbursement a/c State and Federal Lands	61.47	
Reimbursement a/c Exemption Growing Wood and Timber	2,675.45	
Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	1,300.00	
Dog Licenses	100.00	
Rent of Town Property and Equipment	488.00	
State Head Tax Collector Fee (Town Share)	30.94	
Reimbursement a/c Forest Fire	46.05	
Reimbursement a/c Porcupine Bounty	14.50	
School Reimbursement	2,016.27	
Old Age Reimbursement	338.74	
Sale of Property	12.92	
Total Revenues and Credits		$ 8,587.67
		$ 20,759.55

Plus Overlay	$ 105.23
Net Amount to be Raised by Taxation	$ 20,864.78
Less: 156 Polls Taxes @ $2.00	312.00
Amount to be Raised by Property Tax on which Tax Rate is figured	$ 20,552.78

Tax Rate approved by Tax Commission:
$5.90 per $100.00 of Valuation

FINANCIAL REPORT OF THE TOWN OF MASON IN HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY for the Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1954

CERTIFICATE

This is to certify that the information contained in this report was taken from official records and is complete to the best of our knowledge and belief.

February 19, 1955

FORREST A. CAMERON
THOMAS B. CALKIN

Selectmen

CHARLES F. H. CRATHERN

Treasurer

ASSETS

Cash in hands of Treasurer	$ 2,533.54
Accounts Due to the Town—	
Due from State:	
R.R. Tax $119.14, Savings Bank Tax $173.57 (Paid in Jan.)	292.71
Timber Tax	2,575.62
Other Bills due Town:	
Porcupine Bounties	16.50
Bulldozer Rental	305.00
Unredeemed Taxes:	
Levy of 1953	259.76
Levy of 1952	40.75

Uncollected Taxes:		
Levy of 1954		
Property $3,277.71, Polls $64.00	3 341.71	
State Head Taxes—Levy of 1954	175.00	
Total Assets		$ 9,540.59
Net Debt		13,811.17
Grand Total		23,351.76
Net Surplus, December 31, 1953		2,987.94
Net Debt—December 31, 1954		10,823.23
Increase of Debt (Advance T.R.A. Road Building Program)		10,823.23

LIABILITIES

Due to State:		
State Head Taxes Uncollected (1954)	175.00	
Due to School Districts:		
Balance of Appropriation	8,555.36	
Long Term Notes Outstanding	14,621.40	
Total Liabilities	23,351.76	

RECEIPTS

Current Revenue:		
From Local Taxes:		
Property Taxes—1954	$16,624.11	
Poll Taxes $12.00—1954 $234.00	246.00	
State Head Taxes @ $5—1954	785.00	
Total Current Year's Taxes collected and remitted		17,655.11
Property Taxes and Yield Taxes Previous Years		2,604.87

Poll Taxes $60.00—$4.00 (1952)		64.00
State Head Taxes @ $5		
Previous Years		170.00
Interest received on Taxes and costs		
Interest:		
1952	$ .45	
1953	85.50	
1954	1.59	
Costs	58.30	
		145.84
Penalties on State Head Taxes		25.00
Tax sales redeemed		263.74

From State:

For Highways and Bridges:	
For Class V highway maintenance	2,532.36
Interest and dividends tax	1,202.43
Reimbursement a/c State and Federal Forest Lands:	
1953 $61.74—1954 $61.53	123.27
Fighting forest fires (Posting)	3.70
Bounties	14.50
Reimbursement a/c Old Age Assistance	338.74

From Local Sources, Except Taxes:

Dog licenses	150.00
Filing fees	3.50
Rent of town property	53.00
Rent bulldozer	30.00
Registration motor vehicles (1953)	21.89
Registration motor vehicles (1954)	1,367.69

Receipts Other than Current Revenue:

Temporary loans in anticipation of taxes during year	8,000.00
Long term notes during year—	

Special T.R.A. Construction	14,621.40	
Refunds ($33.00 head tax refund from tax col.; $2,016.27 from School District)	2,049.27	
Gifts:		
T.N.T. Club stage fund Town hall	25.00	
Rebate overpayment Greenville Auto Service	6.07	
Payment for damage to road	148.00	
Interest refund Tractor note	.43	
Total Receipts other than Current Revenue		24,864.67
Total Receipts from All Sources		51,634.31
Cash on hand January 1, 1954		8,165.18
Grand Total		$59,799.49

PAYMENTS

Current Maintenance Expenses:	
General Government:	
Town officer's salaries	$ 2,115.15
Town officer's expenses	1,048.19
Election and registration expenses	164.05
Expenses town hall and other buildings	891.33
Protection of Persons and Property:	
Police department	75.05
Fire Department, including forest fires	5.50
Moth extermination—Dutch Elm	93.00
Bounties	16.50
Damage by dogs	9.75
Insurance (Workman's)	202.34

Health	50.00
Highways and Bridges:	
Spec. Appro. Gravel and Drainage	1,006.20
Town Road Aid	579.47
Town Maintenance: (Summer $4,652.59; Winter $1,605.06	6,257.65
Street lighting	156.39
General Expenses of Highway Department	512.29
Libraries	200.00
Public Welfare:	
Old age assistance	365.07
Town poor	588.30
Patriotic Purposes:	
Memorial Day and Veteran's Assns.	86.50
Recreation:	
Old Home Day	25.00
Parks and playgrounds, including band concerts	123.80
Public Service Enterprises:	
Cemeteries	251.85
Unclassified:	
Advertising and Regional Assns.	33.00
Taxes bought by town (Bought $277.21; Reg. $5.05)	282.26
State head tax fee $76.80; Tax Sale Fee $34.20	111.00

Town Clerk fees	118.25	
Total Current Maintenance Expenses		544.51
Interest:		
Paid on temporary loans in anticipation of taxes	103.83	
Paid on long term notes	5.90	
Total Interest Payments		109.73
Outlay for New Construction, Equipment and Permanent Improvements:		
Highways—State Aid construction	14,621.40	
New Equipment (Highway $355.20; snow plow $150.00; road roller $205.00)	355.20	
Total Outlay Payments		14,976.60
Indebtedness:		
Payments on temporary loans in anticipation of taxes	8,000.00	
Payments on long term notes	590.00	
Total Indebtedness Payments		8,590.00
Payments to Other Governmental Divisions:		
State head taxes paid State Treas. (1954 taxes $634.50; prior years $242.74)	877.24	
Taxes paid to county	1,700.72	
Payments—Head tax paid by town	27.50	
Payments to School Districts (1953 tax $9,816.27; 1954 tax		

$5,800.00)	15,616.27	
Total Payments to Othe Govt. Divisions		18,221.73
Total Payments for all Purposes		57,265.95
Cash on hand December 31, 1954		2,533.54
Grand Total		$ 59,799.49
*Long Term Notes 3½ years		$ 14,621.40
(5 Miles Hard Surface Road)		
State Share Total T.R.A. Allotment		12,698.31
Town Share Total T.R.A. Appropriation		1,923.09
		$ 14,621.40

Serial Notes, Road Construction, 2¼%

	Total	State Share	Town Share
July 1, 1955	$ 4,442.63	$ 3,863.17	$ 579.46
July 1, 1956	4,442.63	3,863.17	579.46
July 1, 1957	4,442.63	3,863.17	579.46
July 1, 1958	1,293.51	1,108.80	184.71
	$14,621.40	$12,698.31	$ 1,923.09

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STATEMENT OF BONDED DEBT

July 1, 1954	Long Term Notes		$14,621.40
	Serial Notes—Road Construction @ 2¼%		
	July 1, 1955	$ 4,442.63	
	July 1, 1956	4,442.63	
	July 1, 1957	4,442.63	
	July 1, 1958	1,293.51	
			$14,621.40
Interest due Jan. 15, 1955		$ 164.50	
Interest due July 15, 1955		$ 164.50	

REPORT OF TOWN CLERK

Auto Permits		
1953 Permits	$ 21.89	
1954 Permits	1,367.69	
		1,389.58
Dog Taxes		
1953—12 Male @ $2.00	24.00	
1 Female @ 5.00	5.00	
		29.00
1954—45 Male @ $2.00	90.00	
5 Female @$5.00	25.00	
12 Penalties @ $.50	6.00	
		121.00

Filing Fees	3.50
Paid to Town Treasurer	$ 1,543.08

Dog Taxes Uncollected

Anderson, C. W.
Doucette, Edwin
Fregeau, Joseph
Gibbs, Frederick
Graham, James
Haley, Ralph
Leger, Armond
Lord, George
Marsh, Ernest

SELECTMEN'S REPORT

The year 1954 marked an important milestone in the long and interesting history of Mason. The first hard surface road was built by the town extending from the Brookline line to the State Road at the railroad tracks on Depot Hill Road, and from Mason Center to Trempe's Corner on the Wilton Road. The result of this effort is a very fine construction job at a remarkably low cost. The town's Road Agent, Mr. Harold Miller, should be highly commended for a splendid road job well done. The present plans call for a continuation of this desirable road building program in the near future as funds become available.

The Selectmen were confronted with a large and extremely difficult problem last spring that had to be carried out in conjunction with their regular assessing duties. The State Legislature had made it mandatory that all

wood land be surveyed to ascertain the amount of merchantable and growing timber, and merchantable and growing cordwood in the town. This has to do with the administration of the present Timber Tax Law. Failure to provide this information would have resulted in the tax commission not approving the tax rate for real estate tax purposes within the town. In conforming to this directive it was necessary that considerable more time be spent and greater expense incurred than normally. This is reflected in an overdraft in town officer salary and overdraft of town officer expense. This will probably not recur in the near future and furnishes the town with an up to date record of wood and timber. This record is very valuable at present and might will be extremely valuable in any future discussions.

The assembly room in the town hall has been redecorated and the installation of new lighting and screens has made it a pleasanter meeting place. It is interesting to note that the chandelier in the center of the hall is the original one donated, when it was built in 1848, by the grandfather of Fred, Eugene, and Everett Whitaker. It seems to us to be particularly fitting that it is back in its original place, electrified, to serve future generations as it had in the past.

There was a change in the membership of the Board of Selectmen due to the resignation of Mr. Frederick M. Gibbs. Mr. Thomas B. Calkin was appointed to fill out the unexpired term.

Respectfully submitted,

FORREST A. CAMERON
RAYMOND C. AKERMAN
THOMAS B. CALKIN

Selectmen of Mason

VITAL STATISTICS

BIRTHS

Feb. 11, 1954 Steven Fred Gilson; Fred S. Gilson and Mary F. Cass

Apr. 27, 1954 David Wallace Tillman, Jr.; David Wallace Tillman and Mary Anne Trempe

June 21, 1954 Barry John Graham; James R. Graham and Helen E. Wiik

July 12, 1954 Clifton Charles Goldsby; John Wesley Goldsby and Bertha Mary Patch

Nov. 1, 1954 Richard Eino Helstein; Eino A. Helstein and Irene M. Gravelle

MARRIAGES

Sept. 9, 1954 James Oliver Ball and Hellen Agnes Braily by Charles F. H. Crathern, Justice of Peace, Mason, N. H.

Dec. 31. 1954 Richard Upton Devens and Agnes Helena Brown by E. M. Jones, Clergyman, Milford, N. H.

DEATHS

Mar. 1, 1954 Charles L. Barnes

Apr. 8, 1954 John W. Wiik

Apr. 30, 1954 Alice B. Dimock (Mrs. Dwight L.)

May 3, 1954 George Sluman

May 10, 1954 Ida Mary Emerson

June 20, 1954 Julius Ferrari

June 28, 1954 Jean Ellis Driver

Aug. 1, 1954	Matti Kalliomaki
Aug. 5, 1954	Hattie Edith Whitaker (Mrs. H. Eugene)
Aug. 19, 1954	Werner Ilomaki
Sept. 22, 1954	Orvan Elliott

REPORT OF TAX COLLECTOR

SUMMARY OF WARRANT

Levy of 1954

Taxes committed to Tax Collector:		
Property Taxes		$ 20,240.78
Poll Taxes		312.00
Added Taxes:		
Poll Taxes	2.00	
Interest Collected	1.59	
Total added taxes		3.59
Total Debits		20,556.37
Remittance to Treasurer:		
Property Taxes		16,624.11
Poll Taxes		246.00
Interest Collected		1.59
Total remitted to Treasurer		16,871.70
Discount Allowed		246.62
Uncollected Taxes:		
Property Taxes	3,277.71	

Poll Taxes	64.00	
		3,341.71
Abatements:		
Property Taxes	74.34	
Poll Taxes	4.00	
		78.34
Total Credits		20,556.37

Levy of 1953

Uncollected Taxes as of Jan. 1, 1954:		
Property Taxes	2,591.19	
Poll Taxes	64.00	
Yield Taxes	13.68	
		2,668.87
Interest Collected	85.50	
Costs	58.20	
Total		143.70
Total Debits		2,812.57
Remitted to Treasurer During Fiscal year ending December 31, 1954		
Property Taxes	2,591.19	
Poll Taxes	60.00	
Yield Taxes	13.68	
Interest Collected	85.50	
Costs	58.20	
Total		2,808.57

Abatements:		
Poll Taxes	4.00	
		2,812.57

STATE HEAD TAX
Levy of 1954

State Head Taxes Committed to Collector:		
Original Warrant	965.00	
Penalties Collected	8.00	
Total Debits		973.00
Remitted to Treasurer:		
Head Taxes	785.00	
Penalties	8.00	
		793.00
Abatements	5.00	
Uncollected Head Taxes as per Collector's list	175.00	
		180.00
Total Credits		973.00

STATE HEAD TAX
Levy of 1953

Uncollected Taxes as of Jan. 1, 1954		
Uncollected Head Taxes	170.00	
Penalties	17.00	
Total Debits		187.00
Remitted to Treasurer During fiscal		

year ending Dec. 31, 1954:

Head Taxes	170.00	
Penalties	17.00	
Total Credits		187.00

TAX SALES REDEEMED

Levy:	Redeemed by:	Prop.	Int.	Fee	Total
1952	Eino Helstein	187.88	13.95	.25	202.08
	Eino Helstein	23.01	1.71	.25	24.97
	George Nichols	8.78	.54	.25	9.57
	Archibald Eaton	8.32	.78	.25	9.35
1953	William Ayotte	17.45	.06	.25	17.76
	Total				263.73

Taxes Bought by Town:

Levy:	Property listed to:	Taxes	Costs	Int.	
1953	Orvan Elliott	31.67	3.80	1.54	
	Anna & Edson Moore	27.35	3.80	1.30	
	Eino Helstein	158.36	3.80	7.28	
	Sven & Lempi Johnson	6.61	3.80	.34	
	Harold Morse Heirs	5.92	3.80	.29	
	Kenneth Robichaud	13.02	3.80	.63	
	overcharged	.10			
	Town Check				277.21

UNCOLLECTED PROPERTY TAXES
As of December 1, 1954
(Plus Interest from December 1, 1954)

Residents

Listed To:	Tax Due
Robert Anderson	5.90

James Bell	69.62	
Samuel & Loretta Bowen	88.50	
Theresa Coyne	325.09	
Albert L. Dunham, Sr.	* .71	
Frances Dunham	*59.00	
Edwin & Nellie Doucette	47.20	
Orvan Elliott	31.57	
Charles Emerson Heirs	54.58	
Joseph & Alice Fregeau	29.50	
Fred & Iona Gibbs	70.80	
Fred & Mary Gilson	81.91	
John & Marion Gilson	165.79	
James K. Graham	44.25	
Ralph & Elsie Haley	76.70	
Hartwell Heirs	10.62	
Eino Helstien	175.76	
Oliver & Vivian Ilomaki	*168.20	
George O. & George A. Lord	66.79	
Anna & Edson Moore	27.26	
Ovia & Hilma Murto	167.48	
Frank Newell	47.20	
Chester Minot	41.30	
Vito Palumbo	*32.45	
Chester Rhodes	106.20	
Robert Rossley	41.65	
Gordon & Phyllis Rossley	18.53	
Charles Ruckstuhl	17.70	
Alfred and Margaret Spear	35.40	
Irving & Marion Spear	60.48	
Lloyd & Sally Trempe	5.90	
Robert & Alice Trempe	91.45	
G. Porter Washburn	47.20	
Harry & Ula Williams	106.20	
Total Uncollected Residents Property Taxes		2,418.89

Non-Residents

Alice Baxter	70.80
Ernest O. Blood	*11.80
Frances Boucher	15.34
Roger W. Brown	14.16
Andrew & Esther Cardillo	72.45
William Cavanaugh	* 3.07
L. W. Clement Heirs	16.52
Clark Lumber Co.	5.90
Stephan Coffey	8.03
Arthur B. Davis	*38.35
Orin W. Eaton	4.72
William & Olive Euber	1.89
Thomas & Bertha Fitzgerald	33.63
Amelia Frazier	* 1.18
Arthur Flitner	2.36
Marjorie Godfrey	*85.55
Ronald Harry Est.	12.98
Josephine Hayward	4.72
Ralph Hayward	5.19
Swen & Lempi Johnson	4.72
Joseph LaFrenier	4.96
John & Nellie Morris	41.30
Harold J. Morse	4.48
Delbert W. Porter Heirs	2.83
Letty Proctor	*27.37
Letty & Walter Proctor	*14.16
Guido Quentarville	*41.89
Henry Racine	4.25
Paul Richenburg	16.05
Kenneth Robichaud	12.98
Violet Smith	35.40
Guido Sodano	12.39
John Somero	1.42
John Swen	47.91
Douglas & Katherine Stuart	79.65

J. P. Thompson Heirs	2.60	
Roger & Lea Trempe	.24	
Isadore Valenti	29.50	
Richard & Catherine Walsh	5.90	
Charles Wright	14.75	
Grace Wright	12.98	
Emery Wyman	16.87	
Fred Ramsay	15.58	
Total Uncollected Non-Residents Property Taxes		858.82
Total Uncollected Residents and Non-Residents Property Taxes		3,277.71

UNCOLLECTED POLL & HEAD TAXES
As of December 31, 1954

Name	Head Tax	Poll Tax
Rose Belanger	5.00	2.00
Roland Belanger	5.00	
Alice Blake	5.00	2.00
Francis Coyne	5.00	2.00
Theresa Coyne	5.00	2.00
Edward Dame	5.00	
Ruth Dame	5.00	2.00
Edwin Doucette	5.00	2.00
Nellie Doucette	5.00	2.00
Orvan Elliott	5.00	
Frederick Gibbs	5.00	2.00
Iona Gibbs	5.00	2.00
Marion Gilson	5.00	2.00
James Graham	5.00	
Helen Graham	5.00	2.00
May Graham	5.00	2.00
Ralph Haley	5.00	2.00
George Lord	5.00	2.00

Edson Moore	5.00	2.00
Anna Moore	5.00	2.00
Clinton Rhodes	5.00	2.00
Mary Rhodes	5.00	2.00
Robert Rollins	5.00	2.00
Elizabeth Rollins	5.00	2.00
Robert Rossley	5.00	2.00
Charles Ruckstuhl	5.00	2.00
Muriel Ruckstuhl	5.00	2.00
Alfred Spear		2.00
Margaret Spear		2.00
Henry Shea	5.00	2.00
George Tapley	5.00	2.00
Helen Tapley	5.00	2.00
Robert Trempe	5.00	2.00
Alice Trempe	5.00	2.00
Sarah Williams	5.00	2.00
Harriet Wright	5.00	2.00

Total Uncollected 1954 Head Taxes	$ 175.00
Total Uncollected 1954 Poll Taxes	64.00

* Paid after Jan. 1, 1955

REPORT OF TOWN TREASURER

Cash on hand January 1, 1954		$ 8,165.18
Town Clerk:		
Auto Permits	$ 1,389.58	
Dog Taxes	150.00	
Filing Fees	3.50	
		1,543.08

Selectmen:		
Rent of Town Hall	53.00	
Bulldozer Rental	30.00	
Town Hall Stage Fund	25.00	
Travelers Insurance Refund	14.50	
Public Service Co.—Road Damage	148.00	
Rebate—Overpayment	6.07	
Rebate—School Dept.	2,016.27	
Interest Refund—Note	.43	
		2,293.27
Loans—Roads		14,621.40
Temporary Loans	8,000.00	8,000.00
State of New Hampshire:		
Loss of Taxes—State Forest Lands ('53)	61.74	
Public Welfare—Old Age	338.74	
Posting State Forest	3.70	
Porcupine Bounty	14.50	
Duncan Fund—Class V Roads	2,532.36	
Interest and Dividend Tax	1,202.43	
Loss of Taxes—State Forest Lands ('54)	61.53	
		4,215.00
Tax Collector:		
1952 Tax	4.45	
1953 Tax	2,676.60	
1954 Tax	16,637.70	
1952 Head Tax	11.00	
1953 Head Tax	203.50	
1954 Head Tax	793.00	

Tax Sales Redeemed	263.74	
1953 Poll Tax	60.00	
1954 Poll Tax	234.00	
Yield Tax 1953	13.68	
Property Costs	53.80	
Head Tax Rebate	5.50	
		20,961.56
Total Receipts during 1954		51,634.31
Total Receipts plus Cash on Hand		59,799.49
Payments—Selectmen's Orders		57,265.95
Cash on Hand January 1, 1955		$ 2,533.54

Detail of Payments

Town Officers' Salaries:		
Robert R. Trempe, Selectman		
113 hours	124.30	
Frederick M. Gibbs, Selectman		
232 hours	255.20	
Forrest A. Cameron, Selectman		
621 hours	692.00	
Raymond C. Akerman, Selectman		
525 hours	577.25	
Charles F. H. Crathern		
Clerk and Treasurer	200.00	
Herman O. Schultze		
Tax Collector	226.40	
Conray G. Wharff		
Trustee of Trust Funds	20.00	
Toivo Kivimaki		
Auditing Town Books	20.00	
		2,115.15

Town Officers' Expenses:

Robert R. Trempe		
Mileage	12.60	
Phone	.86	
		13.46
Frederick M. Gibbs		
Stamps	5.80	
Road Meeting	3.00	
		8.80
Forrest A. Cameron		
Phone	7.85	
Road Meeting	3.00	
Assessors' Meeting	16.35	
Expenses to Concord	5.00	
		32.20
Raymond C. Akerman		
Tax Meeting	1.50	
Mileage	111.80	
		113.30
Charles F. H. Crathern		
Town Clerk's Meeting	36.00	
Stamps	21.25	
		57.25
Herman O. Schultze		
Assessors' Meeting	5.75	
Stamps	12.99	
Registered Mail	8.25	
Tax Collectors' Asso. Dues	6.00	
Tax Collectors' Meeting	18.00	
		51.99

T. A. Eaton Agency		
Tax Collector and Treasurer Insurance	88.00	
Public Liability	31.64	
Trustee of Trust Fund Bond	21.06	
Tax Collector and Treasurer Bonds	31.00	
		171.70
Frederick M. Gibbs		
Envelopes and Stationery	20.00	
		20.00
Fitchburg Office Supply		
File folders	3.60	
Stationery	2.63	
		5.69
Greenville Postmaster		
Stamps	18.00	
		18.00
N. S. Auto and Truck Guide		
Auto and Truck Guide	7.00	
		7.00
N. H. Assessors' Asso.		
1954 Dues	3.00	
		3.00
Assisting Assessors		
Carl Valyou	70.00	
		70.00

Steno and Clerical		
Mrs. S. West	5.00	
		5.00
Times-Free Press Co.		
Town Reports, Envelopes	400.96	
		400.96
Smith Bros. Office Supply		
Repairing and Cleaning Typewriter	6.80	
		6.80
Brown & Saltmarsh		
Town Vouchers	20.75	
Tax Collector Forms	2.73	
		23.48
Sargent Bros .		
Tax Bills	12.30	
		12.30
C. Edward Bourassa		
Furnishing one name	.10	
		.10
Edson C. Eastman		
Tax Book and Supplies	8.81	
		8.81
Donat Corriveau		
Recording Tax Sale	12.75	
		12.75

Town Clerk's Asso. Dues		
Charles R. Hardy	2.00	
		2.00
Safety Deposit Vault		
Mason Village Savings Bank	3.60	
		3.60

Election and Registration

Guy Washburn		
Copying, Posting and Registration of Check List	58.70	
Vivian Ilomaki		
Check List Supervision and Registration	25.85	
Lillian Leino		
Ballot Clerk	15.50	
Lillian Valyou		
Ballot Clerk	15.50	
Elsa Crathern		
Ballot Clerk	15.50	
Mildred Wharff		
Ballot Clerk	15.50	
Tracy A. Eaton		
Moderator Pro Tem	5.00	
Printing Ballots		
Times-Free Press	12.50	
		164.05

Town Hall and Other Buildings

Greenville Electric Light	69.84
Insurance, Fire	199.60
Janitor	
F. M. Gibbs ($18.00)	

C. G. Wharff ($4.50)		
G. F. Washburn (123.25)	145.75	
Light Fixtures	271.45	
Firewood	50.00	
Supplies	7.72	
Table Top	16.05	
Screens	35.00	
Paint and Paint Supplies	27.72	
Painting Labor	68.20	
		891.33

Police Department:

F. A. Cameron	36.45	
F. M. Gibbs	37.50	
R. C. Akerman	1.10	
		75.05

Fire Department:

F. A. Cameron	3.30	
F. M. Gibbs	2.20	
		5.50

Dutch Elm Disease:

Bartlett Tree Service	93.00	
		93.00

Bounties: (Porcupines)

Charles Tarbel (6)	3.00
Conray Wharff (1)	.50
Irving Flagg (2)	1.00
Carl Valyou (12)	6.00

Paul Trempe (3)	1.50	
Curtis Dunn (2)	1.00	
Fred Whitaker (2)	1.00	
Samuel Bowen (3)	1.50	
Loretta Bowen (1)	.50	
Guy Washburn (1)	.50	
		16.50
Dog License Expense:		
Edson C. Eastman	9.75	
		9.75
Fees:		
Charles F. H. Crathern, Town Clerk	118.25	
Herman O. Schultze, Tax Collector	111.00	
		229.25
Board of Health:		
Dr. Karr, Chairman	50.00	
		50.00
Town Road Aid:		
T. R. A.	579.47	
Advance T. R. A.	14,621.40	
		15,200.87
Summer Roads:		
Summer Roads (Inc. Spec. Approp. $1,000.00)	5,658.79	
		5,658.79
Winter Roads:		

Winter Roads	1,605.06	
		1,605.06
New Equipment:		
Snow Plow	150.00	
Road Roller	205.20	
		355.20
General Expense Highway Dept.		
Laitala's Garage		
Repair of Road Equipment	268.70	
R. C. Akerman		
Repair road equipment	61.55	
Greenville Auto Service	18.19	
Powell Hardware		
Tools	22.14	
R. C. Hazelton Co.		
Bulldozer Repair Parts	51.21	
Telephone	.35	
Toivo Kivimaki		
Repair Road Equipment	5.00	
T. A. Eaton Agency		
Ins. on Tractor	85.15	
		512.29
Street Lighting:		
Greenville Electric Light	156.39	
		156.39
Old Age Assistance:		
N. H. Dept. of Public Welfare	365.07	
		365.07

Town Poor:		
Direct Relief	588.30	
		588.30
Libraries:		
1954 Appropriation	200.00	
		200.00
Memorial Day:		
Exercises	86.50	
		86.50
Cemeteries:		
Labor and Materials	251.85	
		251.85
Taxes Bought by Town:		
Property Taxes bought	277.21	
Registry Fees	5.05	
		282.26
Poll & Head Taxes Paid by Town:		
Herman O. Schultze	27.50	
		27.50
Workman's Insurance:		
T. A. Eaton Agency	202.34	
		202.34
Interest:		

Wilton National Bank Temporary notes	103.83	
Wilton National Bank Tractor note	5.90	
		109.73
Temporary Loans:		
Wilton National Bank	8,000.00	
		8,000.00
Long Term Notes:		
Wilton National Bank Final tractor note	590.00	
		590.00
County Tax:		
County Treasurer 1954 Tax	1,700.72	
		1,700.72
State Head Tax:		
State Treasurer (Head Tax & Penalties)		
1953	242.74	
1954	634.50	
		877.24
Regional Associations:		
Monadnock Region Association	33.00	
		33.00

School District:

Mildred Wharff, District Treasurer		
1953-54 Appropriation	9,816.27	
1954-55 Appropriation	5,800.00	
		$ 15,616.27

REPORT OF HIGHWAY AGENT

Summer Roads:

Harold C. Miller Grader, Truck and Labor	$ 2,060.65
Carl Valyou, Labor	485.00
Eino Helstein Truck and Labor	544.60
Robert Robichaud Sand and Gravel	192.70
R. C. Hazelton Co., 161 ft. Pipe	292.42
Ray Road Equipment Co. 24 ft. Pipe	86.34
Southwestern Trans. Co.	1.70
Alfred Spear, Labor	63.00
Irving Spear, Labor	33.50
Frank Newell, Labor	53.00
Greenville Grain Co. 12 Bags Cement	14.40
Greenville Auto Ser., Gas & Oil	58.00
Frederick C. Dumaine, Gravel	34.40
Mason General Store, Gas & Oil	98.88
Donald Witty, Labor	375.00
Toivo Kivimaki, Loading Gravel	86.00
Ralph Emerson, Labor	12.00
Robert Martin, Labor	72.00

Edward Elliott, Shovel	80.00	
Clyde Eaton, Truck	9.00	
Total Summer Roads		$ 4,652.59

Summary of Work Accomplished:

Dragging	780.00	
Graveling	1,050.50	
Drainage	1,200.75	
Grading & Honing	1,621.34	
Total		4,652.59

Special Appropriation for Drainage and Graveling on Town Roads not immediately scheduled for T. R. A. Improvement		1,000.00
Harold C. Miller, Truck & Grader	379.80	
Eino Helstein, Truck	184.80	
Toivo Kivimaki Loading 896 yds. Gravel @ .25	224.00	
Frederick Dumaine 896 yds. Gravel @ .10	89.60	
Carl Valyou, Labor	64.00	
Donald Witty, Labor	64.00	
Total Cost		1,006.20

Winter Roads:

Harold C. Miller Truck, Plowing and Sanding	597.10	
Thomas Calkin, Truck	210.00	
Carl Valyou, Labor	142.00	
Raymond Akerman, Labor	166.00	
Alfred Spear, Labor	146.00	
Oliver Ilomaki, Truck	30.00	

Robert Robichaud, Sand	44.00	
Frank Newell, Labor	16.00	
Frederick Dumaine, Rent of Plow	25.00	
Donald Witty, Labor	10.00	
Eino Helstein, Labor	10.00	
Forrest Cameron, Labor	96.00	
Laitala's Garage, Repairs	8.21	
Winston Hall, Plowing	72.00	
Carl Bullard, Labor	14.00	
Public Works, Highway Dept., Wire	18.75	
Total		$ 1,605.06

(Signed)

HAROLD C. MILLER

Highway Agent

REPORT OF TOWN TRUSTEES

January 1, 1954 to December 31, 1954

By C. G. Wharff, Treasurer

Boynton Common School Fund

Receipts:

1954:	(Interest)		
Jan. 2	Dartmouth Savings Bank $	30.00	
Jan. 22	Mason Village Savings Bank	75.26	
Apr. 1	Keene Savings Bank	61.59	
July 3	Dartmouth Savings Bank	30.00	
Sept. 17	Mason Village Savings Bank	74.34	
Oct. 2	Keene Savings Bank	61.59	
	Total receipts (Interest)		332.78

Payment to:

Mrs. Mildred Wharff, School District Treasurer

Jan. 2	Dartmouth Savings Bank	30.00	

Character of Investments:

Dartmouth Savings Bank	2,000.00	
Keene Savings Bank	4,106.84	
Mason Village Savings Bank	4,956.23	
		11,063.07

Stearns Public School Bequest

Receipts:

1954: (Interest)			
Apr. 1	Mason Village Savings Bank	82.03	
Apr. 1	Government Bond	62.50	
Sept. 17	Mason Village Savings Bank	82.03	
Sept. 17	Government Bond	62.50	
			289.06

Payments to:

Mildred Wharff, School District Treasurer

Apr. 1	Mason Village Savings Bank	82.03	
Apr. 1	Government Bond	62.50	
Sept. 17	Mason Village Savings Bank	82.03	
Sept. 17	Government Bond	62.50	
			289.06

Character of Investments

Mason Village Savings Bank	5,469.36

Government Bond	5,000.00	
Total		10,469.36

CONRAY G. WHARFF
FRANK NEWELL
ALFRED SPEAR

Town Trustees

REPORT OF CEMETERY TRUSTEES

Fiscal year ending December 31, 1954
By C. G. Wharff, Treasurer

Receipts:

Jan. 1	Balance on hand	$ 44.00	
Mar. 22	Selectmen	34.50	
June 1	Selectmen	12.00	
July 12	Selectmen	8.00	
Aug. 7	Selectmen	36.00	
Aug. 23	Selectmen	60.50	
Oct. 25	Selectmen	100.85	
			295.85

Cemetery Fund

Dec. 31	Mason Village Savings Bank	10.48
Payments:		
	Frank Newell, Labor	69.50
	Alfred Spear, Labor	12.00
	C. G. Wharff, Labor	103.00
	Porter Washburn, Labor	15.00
	Carl Valyou, Posts	3.00
	Rogers Rental Service, Use of Mower	10.00

William Wildes, Labor	7.00	
Milford Paint Works	60.05	
		279.55
December 31, 1954—Balance on hand		16.30
		295.85

Receipts:

Sept. 17	Mason Village Savings Bank (Interest)	137.77

Payments:

Sept. 17	C. G. Wharff, Treasurer of Cemetery Trustees	137.77

Character of Investments

Mason Village Savings Bank	4,564.33

Perpetual Care of Cemeteries

Receipts:

Balance on hand January 1, 1954	82.03	
October 23, 1954 Town Trustees	137.77	
		219.80

Payments:

Greenville Grain Co., Fertilizer	9.45
C. G. Wharff	77.50
Raymond Akerman	23.00
William Wildes	17.00
Frank Newell	7.00

Sears, Roebuck Co., Seed	2.76	
		136.71
Balance on hand		83.09
		$ 219.80

CONRAY G. WHARF
FRANK NEWELL
ALFRED SPEAR
Cemetery Trustees

REPORT OF TREASURER OF LIBRARY TRUSTEES

Fiscal year ending December 31, 1954

Receipts:

Cash on hand January 1, 1954	$ 51.60	
Town Appropriation	200.00	
Fires and Lost Books	19.78	
		271.38

Expenditures:

Librarian	28.00
Janitor	14.25
Painting and supplies	49.94
Books and Supplies, Library Book House	114.74

	206.93
Balance on hand Jan. 1, 1955	$ 64.45

LENA B. MILLER

Treasurer

LIBRARIAN'S REPORT

Throughout the year the Mason Library has been open once a week except the two Fridays during the Christmas holidays.

In the absence of a paid librarian Elsie Resor has contributed her services, thus making it possible to purchase more books and to give the library shelves a much needed coat of paint.

Mrs. Donald Houghton merits special thanks for her hours of volunteer service in checking, cataloguing, and filing. Mrs. Lena Miller has also been most helpful.

From the bookmobile, which has called every eight weeks, we have borrowed 250 books; from the Concord State Library we have had the loan of 50 books; 15 of which were obtained from various sources for us as a special favor.

With Town funds 60 new books were purchased. Friends have donated almost 100 more.

Mr. Anderson gave us two copies of his recent book, "The Crooked Colt," and one copy of "The Smashers," as well as several by other authors. Other donors have been

Miss Elizabeth Jones, Mrs. H. E. Baker, Mr. Donald Perry, Miss Gladys Adshead, Mrs. Ralph Haley, and Miss Margaretta Voohees.

Another copy of the history of Mason has come to us. It was presented by Mrs. Elwyn Harris of Harvard, Mass., in memory of her uncle, Mr. E. Granville Parker, who resided in Mason for several years and who died here July 1st, 1890.

During the school year the weekly circulation averages fifty books. As the children are our most regular patrons, we have concentrated on their interests in the selection of material. We should be pleased to have more adult participation, and any personal requests will be given thoughtful consideration.

Respectfully submitted,

ELSIE A. RESOR

Librarian

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON LIBRARY

Building, Also Heating and Toilets For Town Hall

The committee appointed to see what could be done about a library building for the town wish to report that they have found that a few people are interested in contributing toward such a building.

We wish to thank Mr. Frank Coyne who has so kindly drawn a suggested building which could be built in sections as the money is available.

The committee feels that the amount of money required for the roads and schools will keep our taxes on a high level for some time, therefore any extra tax for a library building would not be advisable at this time.

However, the present room is too small and something must be done. We would recommend that further efforts be made to raise the necessary funds, by gifts from friends of the town who might be interested in such a building.

The committee, after consulting with engineers, feel that the cost of installing heating and toilets in the town hall would be more than the income from the hall warrants. Our estimate would be around $2,500.00.

Respectfully submitted,

TRACY A. EATON
FRANK COYNE
C. W. ANDERSON
ELSIE RESOR
LENA MILLER

Committee

FOREST FIRE WARDEN'S REPORT

It's an ill wind that blows no good! 1954 was an unusually wet year. There were no fires. We must compliment the town on the fine cooperation of its citizens in observing fire prevention practices. The strict observance of a few fire precautions will go far to insure safety from fire damage at all times and your cooperation is earnestly solicited.

A few simple precautions taken by every citizen will help, as follows:

(1) Always get written permit from the Warden before kindling a fire outdoors when the ground is not covered with snow.

(2) If you smoke, always extinguish matches and tobacco before dropping or throwing them down. In automobiles, always use the ash trays.

(3) Report fires and smoke to the warden without delay.

The observance of these and other simple rules will go far to insure safety from fire damage and your cooperation in this way is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES BELL

Forest Fire Warden

REPORT OF OLD HOME DAY COMMITTEE

Old Home Day was observed on Saturday, August 21. This year the committee was made up of a representative from each of the organizations in town working together as a unit. For another year there was excellent weather.

A program of sports for youngsters of all ages and a ball game—"married vs. single", furnished the activities for the afternoon. The Ladies' Aid held their annual Bazaar and the School Club a Chinese Auction.

An excellent supper was served in the Town Hall, followed by an overflowing crowd for the entertainment and dance. The Souhegan Chorus contributed their services for a fine musical program that was thoroughly enjoyed by all. Relaxed and in a happy frame of mind everyone enjoyed the dance that followed.

C. F. H. CRATHERN, Gen'l Chairman
EDITH CAMERON, Ladies' Aid
LENA MILLER, Fruitdale Grange
LELAND WILDES, Men's Club
FREDERICK GIBBS, School Club
MURDOCK DUNN, 4-H Club
MILLICENT DUMAINE, T. N. T. Club

SCHOOL DISTRICT OFFICERS

	Term expires
Moderator: Mr. Tracy A. Eaton	March 1955
Clerk: Miss Sybil M. Beatham	March 1955
Treasurer: Mrs. Mildred Wharff	June 1955
Auditor: Mr. Toivo Kivimaki	March 1955

SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS

Miss Margaretta Voorhees, Chairman	March 1955
Mrs. Elsa Crathern	March 1956
Mr. Harold Forrest, Secretary	March 1957

SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

Mr. Newell J. Paire

SCHOOL NURSE

Miss Sybil M. Beatham, R. N.

TEACHING STAFF FOR 1954-1955

Mr. Robert Shea, Principal	Grammar Room
Mrs. Cynthia Barron	Primary Room
Miss Elsie Wheeler	Music Supervisor

SCHOOL CALENDAR

1954-55:

School opens January 3, 1955, Closes February 18
School opens February 28, Closes April 22
School opens May 2, Closes June 17

1955-56:

School opens September 7, 1955, Closes Nov. 23 at 12:15 (one session)
School opens November 28, Closes December 20

School opens January 4, 1956, Closes February 17
School opens February 27, Closes April 20
School opens April 30, Closes June 15
Holidays: Veterans' Day, November 11, Closes 12:15 (one session)
Memorial Day, May 30
Teachers' Convention: October 13 and 14

Total number of School Days	180
Total Number of Weeks	38

FINANCIAL REPORT OF SCHOOL BOARD

For Fiscal Year Beginning July 1, 1953 to June 30, 1954

Summary

ADMINISTRATION

1.	Salaries of District Officers	$ 137.00
2.	Superintendent's Salary (local share)	305.44
3.	Tax for State Wide Supervision	116.00
4.	Salaries of Other Administrative Personnel	130.40
5.	Supplies and Expenses	103.14

INSTRUCTION

6.	Teachers' Salaries	5,534.86
7.	Books and Other Instructional Aids	141.68
8.	Scholars' Supplies	215.33
10.	Supplies and Other Expenses	30.84

OPERATION OF SCHOOL PLANT

11.	Salaries of Custodians	204.80
12.	Fuel or Heat	228.94

13.	Water, Light, Supplies and Expenses	169.71

MAINTENANCE OF SCHOOL PLANT

14.	Repairs and Replacements	250.08

AUXILIARY ACTIVITIES

15.	Health Supervision	122.66
16.	Transportation	3,121.00
17.	Tuition	2,041.67
18.	Special Activities	28.45

FIXED CHARGES

19.	Retirement	391.49
20.	Insurance, Treas. Bonds and Expenses	111.04
	Total Net Current Expenses	13,384.53

DEBT AND INTEREST

25.	Payment of Principal	600.00
26.	Payment of Interest	68.00
	Total Net Payments for all purposes	14,052.53
	Cash on hand at end of year 1954	369.84
	Grand Total Net Payments	14,422.37
	Plus "In and Out" Items Paid	2,368.08
	Grand Total Gross Payments	16,790.45

RECEIPTS

State Aid—Foundation Aid	929.38

Local Taxation—Current Approp.	10,800.00	
Other Sources—Trust Funds	619.34	
Total Net Receipts		12,348.72
Cash on hand at Beginning of Year, July 1, 1953		2,073.65
		14,422.37
Received from "In and Out" Items		2,368.08
Grand Total Gross Receipts		16,790.45

Respectfully submitted,

MARGARETTA VOORHEES
ELSA CRATHERN
HAROLD FORREST

School Board

DETAILED STATEMENT OF DISBURSEMENTS

Fiscal Year July 1, 1953 to June 30, 1954

ADMINISTRATION

1. Salaries of District Officers:		
Margaretta Voorhees, Chairman	$ 25.00	
Elsa Crathern	25.00	
Mildred Wharff, Treasurer	35.00	
Harold Forrest, Secretary	50.00	
Toivo Kivimaki, Auditor	2.00	
		137.00
2. Salary of Superintendent (local share) Supervisory Union #63		305.44

3. Tax for State Wide Supervision		
State Treasurer		116.00
4. Salaries of other Administrative		
Personnel		130.40
5. Supplies and Other Expenses		103.14

INSTRUCTION:

6. Teachers' Salaries		
Daniel Hoyt	2,721.25	
Nathalie Castonguay	2,482.61	
Elsie Wheeler	300.00	
Thelma Martin	15.00	
Marcells Frost	16.00	
		5,534.86
7. Textbooks and Other Instructional Aids:		
Scott, Foresman & Co.	20.10	
Supervisory Union #63	10.35	
R. M. Beuttel	13.50	
Boston Music Co.	6.22	
Grolier Society, Inc.	3.25	
O. H. Toothaker	1.18	
The Macmillan Co.	39.12	
Noble and Noble	7.22	
Leonard Morrison	5.96	
American Book Co.	7.35	
Webster Publishing Co.	6.17	
Iroquois Publishing Co.	7.52	
Allyn & Bacon, Inc.	13.74	
		141.68
8. Scholars' Supplies:		
Gledhill Bros., Inc.	9.80	
Supervisory Union #63	35.61	
Milton Bradley Co.	9.00	
Graphic School Supply Corp.	6.18	
American Publishing Co.	17.00	
Junior Scholastics	11.00	

Charles Scribner's Sons	4.19	
Scott, Foresman & Co.	26.05	
The John Winston Co.	8.74	
Tri-State Office Equipment Co.	6.17	
J. L. Hammett Co.	40.63	
Allyn & Bacon, Inc.	19.11	
L. W. Singer Co.	6.57	
Silver Burdett Co.	4.49	
Rand McNally Co.	3.66	
The Continental Press	4.33	
Bostitch Northeast Co.	2.80	
		215.33
10. Other Instructional Expenses:		
Gledhill Bros., Inc.	6.50	
Martin & Murray Co.	15.45	
C. S. Hammond and Co.	3.07	
J. L. Hammett Co.	.87	
Encyclopedia Britannica	4.95	
		30.84

OPERATION OF SCHOOL PLANT:

11. Salary of Custodian:		
Frank Newell		204.80
12. Fuel:		228.94
13. Water, Light and Other Expenses:		
J. I. Holcomb Co.	11.50	
Greenville Electric Light Co.	98.50	
Alfred Spear	9.76	
Wilton School District	6.36	
West Disinfecting Co.	30.10	
Pioneer Mfg. Co.	13.49	
		169.71

MAINTENANCE OF SCHOOL PLANT:

14. Repairs and Replacements:		
A. H. Rice Co.	19.25	

Sears Roebuck Co.	10.45	
General Hardware Co.	7.00	
Frank Newell	55.75	
Wilton Plumbing and Heating Corp.	103.95	
John's Electric Co.	53.68	
		250.08

AUXILIARY ACTIVITIES:

15. Health Supervision:		
Sybil Beatham, R. N.	70.00	
Harlan Karr, M. D.	50.00	
Beckley-Cardy Co.	2.66	
		122.66
16. Transportation:		
Alfred Spear	2,180.00	
Frank Newell	941.00	
		3,121.00
17. Tuition:		
Town of Townsend, Mass.	1,250.00	
Appleton Academy	791.67	
		2,041.67
18. Special Activities:		
The Art Centre		28.45

FIXED CHARGES:

19. Teacher Retirement System		391.49
20. Insurance:		
N. H. School Board Asso.	3.00	
T. A. Eaton Ins. Agency	108.04	
		111.04

DEBT AND INTEREST:

25. Payment on Principal of debt	600.00	
26. Payment of Interest on debt	68.00	
		668.00

IN AND OUT ITEMS:

J. L. Hammett Co.	10.02	
Town of Mason, N. H.	2,016.27	
N. H.-Vt. Hospital Service	124.40	
Miscellaneous items	217.39	
		2,368.08
Total Amount Expended for all Purposes		$ 16,420.61

Respectfully submitted,

MARGARETTA VOORHEES
ELSA CRATHERN
HAROLD C. FORREST

School Board

REPORT OF SCHOOL DISTRICT TREASURER

Fiscal Year July 1, 1953 to June 30, 1954

Summary

Cash on Hand July 1, 1953		$ 2,073.65
Received from Selectmen:		
Current Appropriation	10,800.00	
Overdraft from Town	2,016.27	
Received from State Treasurer:		
State Funds	929.38	
Received as Income from Trust Funds	619.34	
Received from all other Sources	351.81	
Total Receipts		14,516.80
Total Amount available for fiscal year		16,790.45

Less School Board Orders Paid	16,420.61
Balance on hand June 30, 1954	$ 369.84

June 30, 1954

MILDRED WHARFF

District Treasurer

AUDITOR'S CERTIFICATE

This is to certify that I have examined the books, vouchers, bank statements and other financial records of the treasurer of the school district of Mason, N. H., of which the above is a true summary for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1954 and find them correct in all respects.

July 15, 1954

TOIVO KIVIMAKI

Auditor

STATISTICS FOR SCHOOL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 1954

ENROLLMENT

School	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	Total
Primary	9	10	7						26
Grammar				4	5	8	3	1	21
									47

ATTENDING SCHOOLS ELSEWHERE

Appleton Academy	4
Townsend High School	5
Parochial School Outside District	1

ATTENDANCE

School	Average Membership	Average Attendance	Percent of Attendance	Tardiness Total	Tardiness Per Pupil
Primary	24.33	22.90	94.00	0	0
Grammar	20.10	19.00	94.40	1	.05

Visits by Superintendent: 48

STATISTICS FOR FIRST TWENTY WEEKS
1954-1955

Census: (1 day to 18 yrs. incl.) Boys 51; Girls 56; Total 107

Attending Mason Public School	51
Attending Public Schools Outside District	2
Attending Private Schools Outside District	4
Attending Parochial Schools Outside District	2

ENROLLMENT BY GRADES

School	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	Total
Primary	6	5	11						22
Grammar				6	3	4	7	4	24
									46

ATTENDANCE

School	Average Membership	Average Attendance	Percent of Attendance
Primary	22.7	22.0	96.8
Grammar	25.0	24.0	95.8

REPORT OF SCHOOL NURSE

Each year brings its problems in the school health program and this year it was chicken pox and mumps. There were thirteen cases of mumps and also ten cases of chicken pox, among the pupils in the Mason Public School. Luckily there were no other communicable diseases present.

I made four visits during the year to discuss remedial defects and the need of caring for same. After much planning one child had her eyes straightened by surgical operation and seven children were taken to the dentist for examination and treatment.

Routine screening of the children's vision by means of the Snellon Chart showed that two children needed glasses and were referred to their own occulists for treatment. Hearing tests were performed by the use of the group audiometer on thirty-seven children. The results were not entirely satisfactory below the third grade because of the unfamiliarity of the children with the idea of dictation of numbers.

A well-baby and pre-school clinic was held in the Parish House by Mrs. Marie Fahey, N. H. State Department of Health Nurse, and I assisted with this. Seventeen children were examined and had inoculations at this time.

At the Mason School Club Meeting I spoke on the need for dental treatment and they agreed to sponsor the dental clinic in the following school year by sending $50 to the State Department of Health to be matched by state funds. The Club also aided in the Pre-school Clinic.

Dr. Karr examined the children in the fall and found the following defects:

Wax in ears	2
Enlarged tonsils	10
Overweight	2
Underweight	2
Defective teeth	18

Respectfully submitted,

SYBIL M. BEATHAM, R. N.

School Nurse

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

To the School Board and Citizens of Mason:

I respectfully submit my eighth annual report as your Superintendent of Schools.

STAFF AND INSTRUCTION

The Mason Elementary School opened this fall with a completely new teaching staff with the exception of Miss Elsie Wheeler. Mrs. Elliott Barron, graduate of Brandeis University in June 1953, was employed to teach grades 1, 2, 3, replacing Miss Nathalie Castonguay, who resigned to accept a teaching position in New Ipswich. Mr. Robert Shea, graduate of Keene Teachers' College in June 1954, was employed to act as Principal and teach grades 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, replacing Mr. Daniel Hoyt, who resigned to accept a teaching position in Somersworth, N. H. The new teachers are to be congratulated on the exceptionally fine work they are doing. High standards are being maintained in an atmosphere of congeniality and informality.

The past several years I have devoted considerable space to describing and analyzing the various areas of our educational program. Basically our program follows the same pattern previously described, with a constant awareness of the necessity of reviewing certain practices and procedures, applying new techniques where necessary, and changing the emphasis from one area to another, as the interests and abilities of individuals and classes dictate.

Physical activities have received more attention this year than in the past, due largely to the interest of Mr. Shea and Mrs. Barron in such activities, and to the fact that we now have a play area available that has space enough to accommodate the larger muscle games. A few inter-scholstic games have been conducted with neighboring schools in Supervisory Union #63, giving our children an opportunity to meet and play with other children. The emphasis is more on the associations and contacts they make, rather than the game itself.

Miss Elsie Wheeler, music supervisor and teacher, conducts a well-rounded music program, in a very efficient manner.

Our health program is capably directed by Miss Sybil Beatham, School Nurse, and Dr. Harlan Karr, School Doctor. The details of this work are described in the School Nurse Report.

I wish to commend the Mason School Club for their splendid cooperation with the School Health services in helping to conduct a Dental Clinic this fall. Much needed work was accomplished and as we gain more experience with the program, the more effective it will become. We are also indebted to the Mason School Club for their contribution of a three-speed record player to the school. Their interest in the school and the children is excellent and

while the Club is small in numbers, this has no relationship to its effectiveness.

PLAYGROUND FACILITIES

Since our playground area is the project of major interest to all, from the standpoint of physical improvements, we are moving along step by step in accomplishing the work desired. This past summer we were able to provide proper drainage for the playground area in the rear of the school and to enlarge it by pushing back some of the soil and eliminating much brush and scrub growth. We are indebted to Mr. Harold Miller and Mr. Carl Valyou for their advice and assistance. There is still much to be done in this area. Our immediate future plans include hauling in more fill and placing a coat of hard-top or asphalt over a portion of the play area adjacent to the road for games that require marked areas such as basketball, volley-ball, bounce ball games, etc. It is hoped that a good part of this can be accomplished this spring and summer. An item of $150 has been placed in the budget to accomplish this work.

A small area immediately in front of the school was tarred over this summer and this has done much to eliminate a very unsatisfactory mud condition that previously existed. It also has provided a play area for the children when mud and water conditions eliminated all others. We have been able to keep our building neater and cleaner as result of this improvement.

In connection with the cleanliness of the building, Mr. Frank Newell is to be commended for the splendid job he is doing and the many hours he contributes to the school.

BUILDING AND EQUIPMENT

No major repairs are necessary on our school plant. It is in very good condition and with a little painting in

certain areas, it can be maintained properly. However, the School Board has provided in its budget an amount of $50 to repaint the exterior window sash to prevent it from weathering. The item of Capital Outlay shows a decrease of $250 from last year.

A program of adding a few new units of furniture in the Primary Room will be started this year, to replace some of the old antiquated furniture that has been in use for many years. The book space and surface areas are decidedly inadequate for the materials with which children work today. The amount required is $150.

FINANCE

The School Board's Budget for 1955-56, calls for an appropriation of $16,780.05, an increase of $1,012.82 over that of last year. These increases are reflected in the following areas: Teachers' Salaries $140; Transportation $600; Tuitions $280; Additions and Improvements $50; New Equipment $150; Miscellaneous items $64.20. Decreases in other areas of the budget results in the net increase mentioned above.

The largest single increase is in the area of Transportation. At this writing it appears that the sum of $3,730 will be necessary to obtain transportation for the school year 1955-56. However, if it is found that upon negotiation, this amount is not necessary, any balances accruing will be reflected in a balance for the school year ending June 1956.

You will note that no estimate has been made for receipt of State Aid. However, it may be presumed that Mason will be eligible for an amount equal to or greater than the amount received last year, dependent of course upon the action taken in the New Hampshire Legislature.

CONCLUSION

I wish to express my sincere appreciation for the splendid cooperation that has been extended to me by the Mason School Board, the teachers, parents and citizens of Mason, in developing and administering an educational program for the children of Mason.

NEWELL J. PAIRE

Superintendent of Schools

SCHOOL BOARD'S ESTIMATED BUDGET FOR THE YEAR 1955-56

School Board's statement of amounts required to support public schools and meet other statutory obligations of the district for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1955, and comparative analysis of expenditures.

	Expended 1953-54	Budgeted 1954-55	Estimated Budget 1955-56
A. ADMINISTRATION:			
1. Sal. of Dist. Officers	$ 137.00	$ 137.00	$ 137.00
2. Supt. Sal. (local share)	*305.44	223.38	226.13
3. Tax for state wide supervision	116.00	114.00	102.00
4. Salaries of other adm'n personnel	130.40	133.40	127.02
5. Supplies and expenses	103.14	166.69	167.95
B. INSTRUCTION:			
6. Teachers' salaries	5,534.86	6,181.00	6,321.00
7. Books and other			

	instructional aids	141.68	186.00	186.00
8.	Scholars' supplies	215.33	327.10	327.10
10.	Other instructional expenses	30.84	24.00	28.00
C.	OPERATION OF SCHOOL PLANT:			
11.	Salary of custodian	204.80	205.00	205.00
12.	Fuel or heat	228.94	250.00	250.00
13.	Water, light and other expenses	169.71	123.00	133.00
D.	MAINTENANCE OF SCHOOL PLANT:			
14.	Repairs and replacements	250.08	150.00	150.00
E.	AUXILIARY ACTIVITIES:			
15.	Health supervision	122.66	140.00	150.00
16.	Transportation	3,121.00	3,130.00	3,730.00
17.	Tuition: High school	2,041.67	2,520.00	2,800.00
18.	Special fund activities	28.45	40.00	40.00
F.	FIXED CHARGES:			
19.	Teacher retirement	391.49	426.66	430.85
20.	Insurance, bonds and expenses	111.04	145.00	177.00
	Total Current Expenses	13,384.53	14,622.23	15,688.05
G.	CAPITAL OUTLAY:			
21.	Land and new bldgs.		400.00	150.00
22.	Additions and improvements			50.00
23.	New Equipment		80.00	230.00
H.	DEBT AND INTEREST:			
25.	Payments on principal	600.00	600.00	600.00

26. Payments of interest	68.00	65.00	62.00
Total Net Payments	$14,052.53	$ 15,767.23	$ 16,780.05
Total Amount Required to Meet School Bd's Bu'g't	$14,052.53	$15,767.23	$16,780.05
I. PAYMENTS OF "IN AND OUT" ITEMS	2,368.08		
J. TOTAL GROSS PAYMENTS FOR ALL PURPOSES	16,420.61		

K. INCOME OF DISTRICT

	Actual	Estimated	Estimated
Balance on hand June 30, 1953	2,073.65	619.84	
State aid	929.38	511.87	
Trust funds	619.34	500.00	500.00
Local taxation	10,800.00		
In and Out Items	2,368.08		
Total income	$16,790.45	$ 1,631.71	$ 500.00

L. TOTAL ASSESSMENT TO COVER SCHOOL BD'S BUDGET			10,800.00
M. TOTAL ESTIMATED ASSESSMENT TO MEET SCHOOL BD'S BUDGET		$14,135.52	$16,280.05
Balance on hand June 30, 1954	$ 619.84		

*Supervisory Union #63 share of superintendent's salary $4,525; State share $2,500

SCHOOL WARRANT

THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

To the Inhabitants of the School district in the town of Mason qualified to vote in district affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Town Hall in said district on the 11th day of March 1955, at eight o'clock in the afternoon, to act upon the following subjects:

1. To choose a Moderator for the coming year.

2. To choose a Clerk for the ensuing year.

3. To choose a member of the School Board for the ensuing three years.

4. To choose a Treasurer for the ensuing year.

5. To determine and appoint the salaries of the School Board and Truant Officer, and fix the compensation of any other officers or agent of the district.

6. To hear the reports of Agents, Auditors, Committees, or Officers chosen, and pass any vote relating thereto.

7. To choose Agents, Auditors and Committees in relation to any subject embraced in this warrant.

8. To see what sum of money the district will raise and appropriate for the support of schools, for the salaries of school district officials and agents, and for the payment of statutory obligations of the district, and to authorize the application against said appropriation of such sums as are estimated to be received from the state foundation aid

fund together with other income; the school board to certify to the selectmen the balance between the estimated revenue and the appropriation, which balance is to be raised by taxes by the town.

Given unto our hands at said Mason this 21st day of February 1955.

MARGARETTA R. VOORHEES
HAROLD C. FORREST
ELSA CRATHERN

School Board

A true copy of Warrant—Attest:

MARGARETTA R. VOORHEES
HAROLD C. FORREST
ELSA CRATHERN

School Board

ACTION TAKEN AT 1954 TOWN MEETING

Article 2: Motion made and approved to appropriate the sum of $9,905.56 to defray Town Charges for the ensuing year as follows:

Town Officers Salaries	$ 1,500.00
Town Officers Expenses	800.00
Election and Registration	250.00
Town Hall and Other Buildings	600.00
Police Department	100.00
Fire Department	150.00
Health Department	50.00
Vital Statistics	10.00
Town Dump	75.00
General Expense Highway Department	500.00
Snow Removal	2,000.00
Town Poor	300.00
Old Age Assistance	500.00
Soldiers' Aid	500.00
Parks and Playgrounds	150.00
Employees Retirement Act	55.00
Interest Temporary Loans	100.00
Interest Long Term Notes	11.80
Long Term Notes (Tractor)	590.00
County Tax	1,663.76
Total Town Charges	$ 9,905.56

Article 3: Tracy Eaton for three years.

Article 4: Frank Newell for three years.

Article 5: Mrs. Lena Miller for three years.

Article 6: Appropriated $200.00 for Library purposes.

Article 7: Appropriated $2,000.00 for Highways and Bridges.

Article 8: Appropriated $579.47 for Town Road Aid, Class V Highways.

Article 9: Appropriated $250.00 for care of cemeteries.

Article 10: Appropriated $75.00 for Memorial Day purposes.

Article 11: Authorized to borrow a sum not to exceed $10,000.00.

Article 12: Appropriated $225.00 for Street Lighting.

Article 13: 2% discount, 30 days, on tax bills.

Article 14: Appropriated $150.00 to combat Dutch Elm Disease.

Article 15: Selectmen authorized to sell Real Estate bought by Town at Tax Sale if sold to last former owner.

Article 16: Indefinitely postponed.

Article 17: Appropriated $250.00 to insure Town Employees.

Article 18: Accepted in the affirmative.

Article 19: Indefinitely postponed.

Article 20: Appropriated $33.00 for Monadnock Region Association.

Article 21: Allowed 8% total compensation to Tax Collector on Head Taxes.

Article 22: Appropriated $1,000.00 for special graveling and draining Town Roads.

Article 23: See Article 30.

Article 24: See Article 30.

Article 25: Appropriated $25.00 for Old Home Day purposes.

Article 26: Appropriated $150.00 to buy Snow Plow.

Article 27: Authorized Selectmen to sell Hill lot to Porter Washburn.

Article 28: Appropriated $500.00 for suitable War Memorial. Committee appointed.

Article 29: Indefintely postponed.

Article 30: Committee appointed to study and report at 1955 Town Meeting.

Article 31: Voted in the affirmative.

MASON, NEW HAMPSHIRE
1954 VALUATION OF LANDS AND BUILDINGS

RESIDENT:

Owner:	Description	Acres	Land and Buildings
Adams, Myrtie B.	Home Place	75	$2,300.00
Adshead, Gladys L.	Estabrook Place	14	2,500.00
Anderson, C. W.	Stone Studio	3	1,500.00
Anderson, C. W. & Madelaine (Jtly)	Russell & Hannah lot	14	76.00
	Home Place	12	2,300.00
Anderson, Robert K.	Pt. Farrar Place	6	1,100.00
Akerman, Raymond & Marion (Jtly)	Pt. Farrar Place & Cottage	16	1,600.00
Babb, Charles L.	Home Place	80	3,300.00
	Pt. Henry Babb Place (Bldg)	9	175.00
	H. Kimball & Mead lot	50	200.00
Barnes, Charles L. (Estate)	Home Place	50	1,810.00
	Tom Pasture	40	160.00
Beatham, Sybil M.	Home Place	3½	800.00
Bell, James	Home Place	8	1,180.00
Bowen, Samuel C. & Loretta (Jtly)	Home Place	17	2,500.00
Brown, Fred L. (Heirs)	Home Place	23	2,400.00
Calkin, Thomas B. & Joan (Jtly)	Home Place	94	1,720.00
Cameron, Forrest A.	O. Elliott Place & Cottage	25	3,300.00
Coyne, Theresa S.	Wright Place	1	3,100.00
	Building lot	1	200.00

	Cheseborough Place	¾	1,700.00
	Flagg-Austin Place	25	100.00
	Pt. Hodgeman lot	15	60.00
Crathern, Charles F. H. & Elsa R. (Jtly)	Thompson Place	¼	1,500.00
Caouette, Alfred F.	Noble Place	65	1,070.00
	#10 Lot	77½	310.00
Clow, C. P. & K. A. (Jtly)	Lehto Place	50	3,152.00
Dimock, Alice B. (Heirs)	Cottage & Garage	¼	1,600.00
Dondale, Judson W.	Home Place	57	2,000.00
Dunham, Albert L.	Pt. Eastman lot	3	12.00
Dunham, Frances E.	Home Place	32	2,000.00
Dunham, Albert L., Jr.	Nicolson Place	23	1,620.00
Dunham, Robert E. & Irma (Jtly)	Pt. Farwell Place	6	2,200.00
Doucette, Edwin & Nellie (Jtly)	Home Place	½	800.00
Driver, Jean Ellis	Home Place	1	1,500.00
Dunn, Marion J.	Home Place	80	2,500.00
Dunn, Curtis V.	Upton lot	28	112.00
	Proctor lot	16	64.00
Eaton, Tracy A.	Home Place	130	4,950.00
	Barnes Lot	7	28.00
	Holden Pasture	40	160.00
	Holden Place	13	52.00
	Pt. Russell Farm	130	520.00
	Blanch lot	11	44.00
Eaton, Tracy A. & Rose (Jtly)	Staley Place	100	2,100.00
	Parker Land	85	340.00

Elliott, Harold & Paula (Jtly)	King lot & Cottage	29	1,100.00
Elliott, Orvan	Home Place	1	535.00
Emerson, Charles E. (Heirs)	Home Place	50	925.00
Forrest, Harold & Hulda (Jtly)	Home Place	6½	1,600.00
Fregeau, Joseph & Alice (Jtly)	Home Place	12½	1,500.00
Gibbs, Fred. M. & Iona (Jtly)	Home Place	5	1,200.00
Gilson, Fred & Mary (Jtly)	Lucas Adams Place	135	2,350.00
	Town lot	10	40.00
Gilson, John & Marion (Jtly)	Home Place	66	2,500.00
Gish, Kathleen	Home Place	127	1,614.00
	Richards Land	2½	10.00
Goldsby, John & Bertha (Jtly)	Hill Place & Cottage	¼	1,650.00
	Hill Place	½	10.00
Graham, James R.	Home Place	100	1,750.00
Guidone, Erel & Helene (Jtly)	Allison Place	2	2,500.00
Haley, Ralph & Elsie (Jtly)	Home Place	3½	1,300.00
Hartwell, Florence	Childs Place	¼	1,300.00
Hartwell Heirs	Ingalls lot	20	80.00
	Ingalls lot	25	100.00
Helstein, Eino	Home Place	68	2,290.00
	#6 School		350.00
	Pt. Smith Place	50	200.00
Hitchcock, Marion	Pt. Nicolson	12	60.00
	Muhonen Place	65	1,730.00
Houghton, Donald & Gertrude (Jtly)	Home Place	60	2,365.00

	Spalding lot	18	70.00
	Pt. Blake Farm	1	4.00
	Merrill lot	30	120.00
	Nutting lot	9	36.00
	Brown lot	7	28.00
	McLean lot	15	60.00
Ilomaki, Oliver & Vivian (Jtly)	Home Place	80	3,200.00
	Rajala Farm	5	25.00
Ilomaki, Warner (Heirs)	Home Place	1	1,500.00
Jackson, Bertha	Home Place	3	1,800.00
Jones, Elizabeth Orton	Home Place	20	2,500.00
	Valley Rd. School house	5	800.00
Kivimaki, John	Home Place	50	1,000.00
Kivimaki, Solomon	Home Place	4	500.00
Kivimaki, Toivo	Pt. Maxwell Place	137	550.00
	Wm. Gilman Place	80	320.00
Lambert, Edward & Frances (Jtly)	Davis Place	65	1,000.00
Leger, Armand & Geniveve	Home Place	54½	2,900.00
Leger, Henry & Eugenie (Jtly)	Pt. Erickson Place	1	1,700.00
Lehtonen, Arvo	Home Place	1	500.00
Leino, Leo & Lillian (Jtly)	Home Place	40	5,320.00
	Putnam Land	13	52.00
	Cottage	¼	1,500.00
	True Robbins lot	5	20.00

Lord, George A. & George O. (Jtly)	Home Place	31¼	1,132.00
Marsh, Ernest V.	Home Place	16	1,400.00
Martin, Frederick N.	Home Place	23	2,000.00
	March lot	81	324.00
Miller, Harold C.	Home Place	102	2,100.00
	Clement lot	45	180.00
Moore, Edson & Anna (Jtly)	Home Place	3	462.00
Moore, Harold & Lillian (Jtly)	Home Place	49	1,200.00
Murto, Oiva & Helvi (Jtly)	Home Place	120	2,600.00
	Service Sta.	1	2,554.00
Murto, Oiva, Sr., & Hilma (Jtly)	Home Place	3	525.00
Minot, Chester	Richards lot & Cottage	2½	700.00
Newell, Frank	Home Place	1	800.00
Nicolson, Ida M.	Cottage & Land	6	700.00
Oulton, Earl D.	Home Place	32	4,133.00
	Boynton Place	150	600.00
Ott, Richard M.	Home Place	36	3,325.00
	Jones lot	40	160.00
	Mill lot	1	35.00
Palumbo, Vito G.	Lot & Cottage	5	550.00
Resor, Elsie	Home Place	4½	1,600.00
Rines, Ferne	Home Place	5	1,180.00
Reynolds, Abbie	Home Place	50	1,444.00
	Proctor lot	27	108.00
Rhodes, Clinton W.	Home Place	30	1,800.00

Robbins, Paul & Addie (Jtly)	Home Place	25	2,500.00
Rossley, Robert	Home Place	1½	706.00
Rossley, Gordon & Phyllis (Jtly)	Hunt & Proctor lot	58	232.00
	Hurricane Hill Rd.	20½	82.00
Ruckstuhl, Charles E.	Radio Sta. & Land	2	300.00
Sargent, Helen	Home Place	6	2,320.00
Savage, Winfield	Home Place	½	1,600.00
Schlemmer, Albert & Elsie (Jtly)	Home Place	100	2,100.00
Schultz, Herman O.	Home Place	12	1,200.00
Sluman, Harry & Annie (Jtly)	Home Place	½	1,400.00
	Corner lot	¼	100.00
Spear, Alfred & Margaret (Jtly)	Home Place	1	600.00
Spear, Harry & Katherine (Jtly)	Home Place	40	1,300.00
Spear, Irving & Marion (Jtly)	Home Place	150	1,700.00
	Ingalls lot	30	120.00
Tarbell, Charles & Ida (Jtly)	Home Place	20	1,300.00
Trempe, Robert & Alice (Jtly)	Home Place	18	1,500.00
Valyou, Carl & Lillian (Jtly)	Foster Place	50	200.00
	Fox lot	25	100.00
	Ingalls Farm	115	508.00
Voorhees, Margaretta	Home Place	10½	1,800.00
	Pt. Childs lot	1	10.00
Washburn, Guy F.	Home Place	45	2,100.00
	Field Land	4	40.00

Washburn, G. Porter	Home Place	1	1,800.00
Wharff, Conray	Home Place	80½	3,570.00
	(Uncle Sam House included in this figure)		
Whitaker, Everett B.	Home Place	69	3,000.00
	Camp & lot	10	40.00
	Pt. Childs lot	10	40.00
Whitaker, Harriet E.	Home Place	148	4,912.00
Whitaker, Hervey E.	Pt. Childs lot	9	36.00
Whitaker, Winfred	Home Place	18½	1,050.00
	Meadow land	4	16.00
Whittier, Roy H.	Home Place	9½	1,160.00
Wiik, Hilma	Home Place	50	1,800.00
Williams, Arthur (Heirs)	Flagg lot & camp	4	66.00
Williams, Rhea J.	Store, Home and Barn	2	3,525.00
	Scripture lot	1	4.00
	Johnson lot	3	12.00
Williams, Harry & Ula (Jtly)	Home Place	4	1,800.00
Winters, Bruce & Katherine (Jtly)	Home Place	3½	1,200.00
Witty, Donald	Home Place	40	1,000.00
	Foster Place	1¾	7.00
Wildes, Leland A. & Irene E. (Jtly)	Berry Place	80	2,400.00

NON-RESIDENT:

Owner:	Description	Acres	Land and Buildings
Adams, Bruce	Brad Day lot	100	400.00
	Reynolds lot	20	80.00

	Knox Place	25	100.00
	Hodgman lot, Undiv. 1/3	115	153.33
Baker, Harry E.	Home place	1	2,500.00
	Newell land	6	100.00
Bastian, Francis M.	Lot and cottage	¼	700.00
Bastian, Leo	Withy place	40	200.00
Bastian, Raymond F. & Francis (Jtly)	Bewley place	80	1,000.00
Bates, Samuel B.	Drew place	60	2,240.00
	March lot	3	12.00
Baxter, Alice G.	Redden place	4	1,200.00
Beck, Joseph	Richardson lot	25	100.00
Beeler, Charles F. (Estate)	Hodgman lot, Undiv. 1/3	115	153.33
Bellis, Thomas S.	Pt. C. M. Adams lot and camp	40	500.00
Bergh, Carl H & Gladys (Jtly)	Batterly lot	10	40.00
Bingham, Donald	Gilman land	52	208.00
	Benj.-Heald lot	13	52.00
	Churchill-Heald lot	8	32.00
Blood, Ernest O.	Pt. Sam Tarbell place	50	200.00
Blood, Mrya	Blood lot	30	120.00
Bloom, Annie (Heirs)	Pt. Eaton place	59	1,136.00
Boston & Maine Railroad	Quarry land	25	130.00
Boucher, Francis	Brown lot & camp	15	260.00
Boyle, Elsie M.	House and lot	¾	1,800.00
Brown, Roger W.	Johnson lot	60	240.00
Butt, Jack	Jackson place	40	960.00
Byers, Arthur C. & Alice M. (Jtly)	Lot and camp	1	210.00
Cardillo, Andrew P. & Ester V. (Jtly)	Hartwell Pasture	150	600.00
	Pt. S. Abbott Farm	157	628.00

Cavanaugh, William J.	Adams lot	13	52.00
Chandler, Katherine & Ralph (Jtly)	Katrinka cottage	4½	720.00
Charlton, Francis T.	Camp site	8	450.00
Childs, Mary E. (Heirs)	Childs lot	10	40.00
Clement, L. W. (Heir)	Emma Wright lot	70	280.00
Clark Lumber Co.	Gravel bank	12	100.00
Clark, Wilson D.	Oja place	74	2,000.00
	Louis Hodgman lot	17	68.00
	Davis lot	18	72.00
Coffey, Stephen D.	Coffey lot	34	136.00
Conant, Harold A.	Camp & lot	49	220.00
Crathern, Alice & Helen (Jtly)	Tarbell place	100	4,680.00
	Peabody lot	68	272.00
	Barber land	22	88.00
Crathern, Helen	Rhodes lot	1	100.00
Davis, Arthur B.	Barrett farm	123	650.00
Davis, John A.	Wilson lot	6	24.00
Dresser, Mildred L.	Hamilton lot	6	24.00
Doonan, William	Hodgman lot	42	168.00
	Hall lot	40	160.00
	Leonard Farwell place	9	36.00
	Pt. Ingalls lot	50	200.00
	Morton Barret lot	25	100.00
	Walter Robbins land	10	40.00
Duguay, Roy & Rita (Jtly)	Pt. A. Leger farm	1¼	100.00
Dudley, Fred (Heirs)	Cathcart lot	60	240.00
Dumaine, F. C. & M. W. (Jtly)	Pt. J. Russell place	75	4,300.00
	Butler place	25	160.00

Eaton, T. Archibald	Blackington place	40	160.00
	Sawtelle lot	65	260.00
	Childs lot	27	108.00
	Goodwin lot	20	80.00
	Batchelder land	4	16.00
	Sprout lot	5	20.00
	March lot	11	44.00
	Upton lot	44	176.00
	Weston lot	65	260.00
Eaton, Clyde S.	Pt. Eaton Farm	80	320.00
Eaton, Orin W.	Farwell Farm	20	80.00
Elliott, John	Elliott lot	34	136.00
	Hill lot	14	56.00
Euber, William & Olive (Jtly)	Cleveland lot	8	32.00
Farrar, Priscilla S.	Mason Quarry	110	440.00
Farnsworth, Edward (Heirs)	Edw. Farnsworth lot	20	80.00
Farwell, George W.	Campbell lot	7	28.00
Farwell, Grover	Campbell lot	5	20.00
Farrari, Julius	Gibbs place	65	3,100.00
Ferson, Kenneth M.	J. Davis lot	40	160.00
Fessenden Company, Inc.	Farnsworth lot	46	184.00
	Brown & Gassett lot	30	120.00
	Durant lot	75	300.00
	Campbell lot	5	20.00
	Brooks lot	41	164.00
	Russell & Cleveland lot	5	20.00
	Hurricane lot	10	40.00
	Wood lot	55	220.00

	Eli Brooks lot	47	188.00
	Gilman land	57	228.00
	Baxter lot	144	576.00
	Sawtelle lot	20	80.00
	Russell & Seiver lot	22	88.00
	Kimball lot	15	60.00
	Kimball & French lot	10	40.00
	Kendall lot	3	12.00
	Cramm lot	56	224.00
	Pt. #10 lot	45½	182.00
	McDonald lot	40	160.00
	Richards land	37½	150.00
	Pratt Pond lot	15	60.00
	Pt. Kimball lot	5	20.00
	Pt. Newell place	15	60.00
	Job Russell lot	55	220.00
	Hodgman lot	6	24.00
	Davis lot	4	16.00
	Pt. J. Russell Farm	125	500.00
	Parker Pasture	70	280.00
	Finnerty lot	30	120.00
	Marden lot	23½	94.00
	Williams lot	53	212.00
	Creighton lot	52	208.00
	O'Connell lot	30	120.00
	Maxwell lot	7	28.00
	Holden lot	20	80.00
Fitzgerald, Thomas & Bertha	Pool place	14	570.00

Frazier, Amelia M.	House lot	5	20.00
Flitner, Arthur B.	Lot	10	40.00
Fogg, Elizabeth	Lot and cottage	5	800.00
Gailey, Robert (Heirs)	Undiv. ½ Morris lot	40	80.00
Godfrey, Marjorie	#4 School and lot	1	1,450.00
Gonne, Edythe & Carruthers, Beatrice (Jtly)	Whitaker Homestead	90	3,900.00
Greenville Electric Light Co.	Power lines and equipment		12,737.00
Hallisey, John & Hazel B. (Jtly)	Mary Reynolds lot	16	64.00
Hanslick, Roy S. & Selma L. (Jtly)	Mitchell place	50	1,300.00
	Buckman land	5	20.00
Hanzlick, Henry & Nora (Jtly)	Stanley Abbott lot	12	48.00
Harry, Ronald I.	Kimball lot	40	160.00
	Williams land and camp	2	60.00
Hayward, Josephine	Upton lot	20	80.00
Hayward, Ralph A.	Simon Smith place	22	88.00
Henderson, Robert G.	Elliott place	75	1,900.00
Hendriques, Prescott	Prescott lot	13	52.00
Hannah, Arnold W.	Baker lot	45	180.00
Heald, Robert G.	Livingston lot	12	48.00
Hill, Harlan & Joseph (Heirs)	Chamberlain place	70	280.00
Hill, Wilfred (Heirs)	Undiv. ½ Baldwin lot	100	200.00
Johanson, Fred (Heirs)	Undiv. 1/3 Hodgman lot	115	153.34
Johnson, Sven & Lempi (Jtly)	Pt. True Robbins place	20	80.00
Kimball, Herbert L.	Wilson lot	35	140.00
King, Charles S.	Union Adams lot	60	240.00
Ladagaard, Peter	Camp and Newell land	30	420.00
LaFrenier, Joseph	Lewis lot	21	84.00

Lagasse, Ernest	Ingalls lot	25	100.00
Lakschewitz, George	Kimball place (Belly-Acres)	35	4,600.00
Langdell, Kenneth C.	Eastman Farm	47	1,956.00
	Blood lot	11	44.00
LeBert, Harold F.	Lot and camp	8½	450.00
Lorden, Dennis F.	Larkin lot	20	80.00
	James Hall land	7	28.00
Lovejoy Granite Co.	Heald place and Quarry	250	3,280.00
	Wheeler pasture	100	400.00
	Ox pasture	25	100.00
	Parker pasture	150	600.00
Morris, John T. & Nellie L. (Jtly)	Lot and incomplete house	5	700.00
Mason Village Bank	J. A. Russell lot & cottage	4 1/3	520.00
McIntyre, Isabella C.	Lot and Camp Fergamac	12	1,600.00
McKhann, Dr. Charles W.	Reed & Richardson lot	35	140.00
MacRobbie, Mary & Annie (Jtly)	Pt. MacRobbie Farm	25	100.00
Maning, Rose	Land and buildings	150	1,100.00
Morse, Harold J.	Ingalls Hurricane lot	19	76.00
Moore, John H.	Pike Mowing	2½	10.00
	"Wolf Rock" lot	30	120.00
Monohan, Mary I.	Bastian place and camp	20	200.00
Muhonan, Ilmer	Hall land	64	256.00
Morse, Joseph A.	Pt. Morse place	1	4.00
Murphy, Lewis P.	Lot and cottage	15	250.00
New England Box Co.	Pt. Hodgman lot	9	36.00
Norton, Marion A.	Arnold place	75	1,800.00
Orechia, William J.	Conway meadow and camp	20	100.00
Palmer, Violet	Pt. Baxter lot	12	48.00

Parker, Adelaide	Hodgman lot	1½	6.00
Parker, Lonnie A.	Richardson lot	80	320.00
Pearse, Harry N.	Lot and Stone Schoolhouse	5	2,520.00
	Flagg land	3	12.00
Perry, Donald P.	Hammond-Elliott place	450	8,200.00
	Sargent place	35	140.00
	Hodgman lot	52	208.00
Pfieffer, H. B.	Porter lot and camp	50	550.00
Pomerleau, Cyril & Eugene (Jtly)	Erickson land	4½	318.00
Porter, Delbert W. (Heirs)	Shattuck meadow	12	48.00
Proctor, Letty D.	Ingalls-Reed lot	22	88.00
	Mary Parker lot	18	72.00
	Webber land	33	132.00
	Farnsworth lot	24	96.00
	Walter Robbins lot	19	76.00
Proctor, Letty & Walter (Jtly)	Reed Homestead	60	240.00
Public Service Co. of N. H.	120′ strip over #10 lot & Power lines and equipment	—	20,876.00
Quintavella, Guido	Trull lot and camp	100	650.00
	Hodgman lot	15	60.00
Racine, Henry A.	John Lumpie place	18	72.00
Ramos, Manuel S.	Richards place	18	955.00
Ramsey, Fred R.	Meadow lot	8	32.00
	Jones pasture	58	232.00
Regan, Katherine J.	Germer place	50	2,300.00
Richardson, Luther G.	Abbott lot	2½	10.00
Richenberg, Paul J.	Pt. Campbell place	68	272.00
Robichaud, Kenneth	Pt. Clement lot	55	220.00

Robichaud, Robert L.	Smith place	60	1,270.00
	Smith lot	27	151.00
Roddy, Mary E. (Heirs)	Pt. Blood place	50	200.00
Russell, J. Almus	Pt. J. A. Russell Farm	114¼	456.00
Regan, Madelaine	J. A. Russell Homestead	86	3,084.00
Russell, Kenneth S.	Meadow lot	8	32.00
Russell, Leon	Barrett lot	67	268.00
Russell, Leon for Peter Russell (minor)	Nutting lot	1	4.00
Ryan, James A.	House and lot	10	450.00
	Kempt lot	23	92.00
Ryan, William J.	Lawrence lot	6	24.00
Saunders, George W.	Schuler place	4	1,200.00
Schopen, Anne C.	Beck place	50	1,300.00
Sherburne, Norman & Maxwell (Jtly)	Hemlock Tree pasture	33	132.00
	Stanley Abbott Farm	45	180.00
Spaulding, Esther A.	Lot and cottage	¼	1,000.00
Smith, Ernest	Jackson land	15	60.00
(1)Smith, Louis M. & Doris E. (Jtly)	Undiv. ½ Morris lot	40	80.00
Smith, Violet	Home place	½	600.00
Sodano, Guido	Lot and camp	1	210.00
Somero, John	Pt. Newell place	6	24.00
Stiles, Kenneth A. & Katherine I. (Jtly)	Osgood place	2	700.00
Sven, John	Mead lot	203	812.00
Stuart, Douglas & Catherine (Jtly)	Home place	1	1,350.00
Sylvester, Richard	Martin-Elliott Camp and lot	4	800.00
Taft, James B. (Heirs)	Taft lot	6	24.00
Thompson, J. P. (Heirs)	L. M. Barrett lot	11	44.00
Trempe, Roger & Lea (Jtly)	House lot	1	4.00

Tufts, G.	LeClair place	14	1,200.00
Valenti, Isadore A.	Lot and camp	¼	500.00
Walch, Richard E. & Katherine M. (Jtly)	Building lot	½	100.00
Walsh, John	Lot and camp	50	560.00
	Pt. Richardson place	4	16.00
Warren, Howland & Margaret (Jtly)	Pt. Kivimaki place	28	1,000.00
Weber, Harold	Peabody place	6½	5,000.00
	Shop and land	½	220.00
	Pt. Clapp place	3	300.00
Weim, Dolton H. & Lorraine (Jtly)	H. Babb	50	1,100.00
	Hall land	13	52.00
Whitaker, Albert C.	Mill lot	2	20.00
Wilder, Walker & Davis, Co.	March lot	12	48.00
Williams, John H. & Hilma (Jtly)	Juniper hill	28	120.00
Wilson, Gertrude E.	Pt. Wilson place	35	140.00
	Hero lot	1½	6.00
	Goodwin lot	1¼	10.00
Wright, Charles E., Jr.	Pt. Churchill place	47½	250.00
Wright, Grace	Hildreth lot	55	220.00
Wyman, Emery	E. J. Hodgman lot and camp	9	286.00

New Hampshire Forestry and Recreation Department.

	Pratt pond lot	20	100.00
	Abbott Meadow	21	105.00
	Kimball lot	25	150.00
	Pratt pond lot	273	1,092.00
	Kimball & Craine lot	60	240.00

Undivided Lots:

Resident	Lawrence lot	2	8.00
Myrtie B. Adams	Fiske lot	40	160.00
¼ interest	Luther Tarbell lot	8	32.00
Non-Resident:	Blood lot	20	80.00
Bruce Adams	Thomas Tarbell lot	100	400.00
¼ Interest	Thompson lot	10	40.00
Martha L. Lawrence	Walter Comnock lot	15	60.00
¼ Interest	Meadow lot	1	4.00
Elizabeth A. Morse	Spear lot	1	4.00
¼ Interest	Big Wood lot	58	232.00
	Blood lot	10	40.00
	Prescott lot	80	320.00
	Warren pasture	80	320.00
	Jackson lot	40	160.00

Undivided lots:

Resident:			
Myrtie B. Adams	Harry Foster lot	12	48.00
⅛ Interest	Dutton lot	30	120.00
Non-Resident:	Ingalls lot	25	100.00
Bruce Adams	Hattie Ingalls lot	8	32.00
⅝ Interest	Morris lot	35	140.00
Martha L. Lawrence	Martin Elliott lot	17	68.00
⅛ Interest	Herrick Lane	1	4.00
Elizabeth A. Morse	Boynton place	20	80.00
⅛ Interest			

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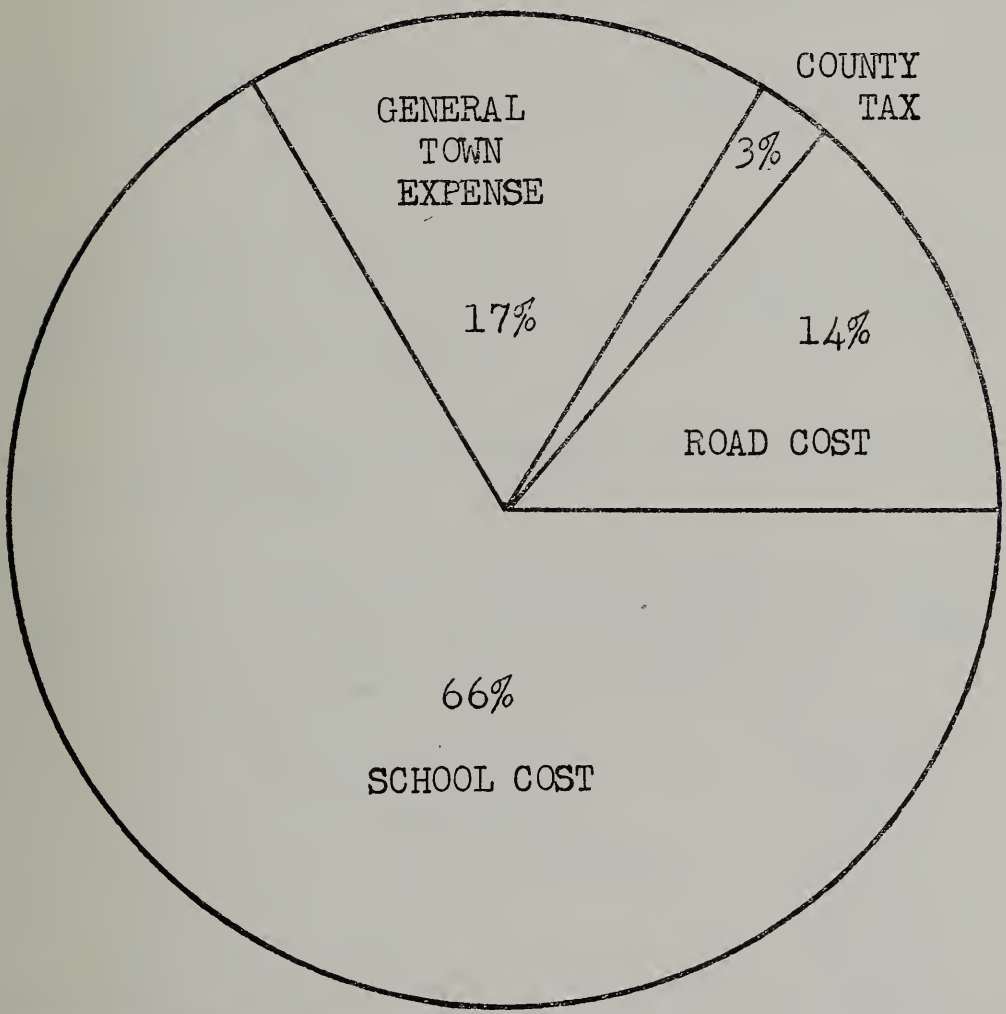
MASON, N, H.

Where Your TAX DOLLAR Goes



Total School Costs	**66%**
Total Town Costs	**34%**
	100%

TOWN WARRANT

The Town of Mason

The State of New Hampshire

To the Inhabitants of the Town of Mason in the County of Hillsborough in said State, qualified to vote in Town Affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at Town Hall in said Mason on Tuesday, the eighth day of March, next at nine of the clock in the forenoon, to act upon the following subjects:

1. To choose all necessary Town Officers for the year ensuing.

2. To raise such sums of money as may be necessary to defray town charges for the ensuing year and make appropriations of the same.

Town Officers Salaries	$1,500.00
Town Officers Expenses	800.00
Election and Registration	50.00
Town Hall and Other Buildings	600.00
Police Department	100.00
Fire Department	150.00
Health Department	50.00
Town Dump	75.00
General Expense Highway Department	500.00
Winter Roads (Snow Removal)	2,000.00
Town Poor	300.00
Parks and Playgrounds	150.00

Aid to Soldiers and Families	500.00
Employees Retirement Act (Social Security)	100.00
Interest	429.00
County Tax	1,700.72
Old Age Assistance	500.00
	$9,504.72

3. To choose one Trustee of Trust Funds for three years.

4. To choose one Trustee of Cemeteries for three years.

5. To choose one Library Trustee for three years.

6. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate $200.00 for Library purposes, or take any action relating thereto.

7. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate $2,000.00 for Repairs of Highways and Bridges, or take any action relating thereto.

8. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the approximate sum of $579.47 for Town Road Aid, in order to obtain State Aid for Maintenance, Construction, and Re-construction of Class V Highways in the approximate amount of $3,863.16.

9. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate a sum of $2,500.00 for sealing coat on hard top roads from Brookline line to R.R. crossing on Depot Road and from Mason Center to Trempe's

corner on Wilton Road or take any action relating thereto.

10. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate $250.00 for care of Cemeteries, or take any action relating thereto.

11. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate $75.00 for Memorial Day purposes, or take any action relating thereto.

12. To see if the Voters will authorize the Selectmen and Treasurer to borrow a sum, or sums of money not exceeding in the aggregate $10,000.00 in anticipation of the collection of taxes for the current year, and to issue in the name and on the credit of the Town negotiable notes therefore, said notes to be repaid during current municipal year from taxes collected within the current year, or take any action relating thereto.

13. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $225.00 for Street Lighting, or take any action relating thereto.

14. To see if the Town will vote a discount on whole, or partial payments of taxes, and fix the date of payment the same, or take any action relating thereto.

15. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of $100.00 for the purpose of pruning and spraying the shade trees on Town property, as a protective measure against Dutch Elm Disease, or take any action relating thereto.

16. To see if the Town will authorize the Se-

lectmen to sell Real Estate bought by the Town at Tax Sale, provided that they sell it to the last former owner and provided that the sale price is sufficient to reimburse the Town for the taxes and for all expenses to which it has been put, or take any action relating thereto.

17. To see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen to sell Real Estate owned by the Town at prices which, in their judgment, are fair and equittable, or take any action relating thereto.

18. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate a sum of $250.00 to insure Employees of the Town, or take any action relating thereto.

19. To see if the Town will vote to have any and all unexpended balances of all previous appropriations—not including School appropriation—and all moneys reimbursed and refunded to the Town during the previous fiscal year returned to the General Fund, or take any action relating thereto.

20. To see if the Town will vote to petition the State Tax Commission to have an audit made of all Town records, by the Division of Municipal Accounting, and to make an appropriation to cover the expenses of such audit, or take any action relating thereto.

21. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of $34.00 for the Monadnock Region Association of Southern New Hampshire or will take any action relating thereto.

22. To see if the Town will vote to allow the Collector of Taxes compensation for his services in

thereof at 8%, or take any action relating thereto.

23. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of $1,000.00 for the purpose of Graveling and Draining Town Roads other than those which will be immediately improved with T.R.A. Funds, or take any action relating thereto.

24. To see if the Town will vote to observe, during the month of August 1955, the Anniversary of Old Home Week, and to raise and appropriate a sum of $25.00 therefor, or take any action relating thereto.

25. To see if the Town will vote to re-appropriate a sum not to exceed $500.00 to add to a sum supplied by the V.F.W. for the purpose of installing a suitable War Memorial to replace the present one on the Town Common, or take any action relating collecting the State Head Tax, and to fix the amount thereto. 1954 appropriation not used.

26. To see if the Town will vote to close, subject to gates and bars, the road leading from the Pratt Pond Road near D. M. Houghtons, toward Mason to the corner of the road at Browns, or take any action relating thereto.

27. To see if the Town will vote as to its willingness to accept some form of broad base State Taxation such as a State Sales Tax with food exempted, a State Income Tax, or other broad base tax, to relieve the burden on the Property Tax and to be applied as State Aid to the Public School System.

28. To see if the Town will vote to appoint

a committee of five, including Moderator and Town Clerk to review Rules of Town Meeting of March 8, 1932, amended 1933 and 1952, and report at next regular Town Meeting or take any action relating thereto.

29. To hear the reports of Agents, Auditors, Committees and Officers, heretofore chosen, and pass any vote relating thereto.

Given under our hands and seal, this 21st day of February in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and fifty-five.

FORREST A. CAMERON
RAYMOND C. AKERMAN
THOMAS B. CALKIN
Selectmen of Mason

A true copy of Warrant—Attest:

FORREST A. CAMERON
RAYMOND C. AKERMAN
THOMAS B. CALKIN
Selectmen of Mason

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